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'Tudela's passing a deep loss for NMI'

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REPORTER

Former two-term Saipan mayor Juan Borja Tudela's passing is a "deep loss for the Commonwealth," Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and others who knew him said yesterday. Tudela, 77, passed away at a Hawaii hospital on Saturday. He was diagnosed with stomach cancer, his second eldest child, Dr. Ignacia T. Demapan, told *Saipan Tribune* last night.



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Fitial admin: Decision is with lawmakers

» House could vote on impeachment resolution Friday or Monday

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Days ahead of the full House of Representatives vote on a resolution to impeach Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, the administration said yesterday that "at



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the end of the day, the decision will be made by each lawmaker."

A House session will be called for either Friday or Monday to vote on a resolution impeaching Fitial for 18 allegations of

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TAKING A STAND

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated center, is flanked by lawmakers and teen and adult advocates after signing a proclamation Friday declaring February 2013 Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. In the CNMI, in each quarter of 2012, some five cases of domestic and sexual violence involving teens were encountered by different service providers but this could just be a fraction of actual incidents. Inos also proclaimed February 2013 Parent Leadership Month.

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Sources: E-Land completes purchase of PIC

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After more than a year of negotiations,

South Korean real estate mogul E Land Group has completed its purchase of Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio on Friday, sources told *Saipan Tribune*.

E Land or PIC has yet to issue an official statement as of yesterday afternoon, including whether it was a stock or asset purchase. Sources said the new owner is

keen on retaining most, if not all, current PIC employees.

Since 2011, E Land has been negotiating with investors to buy hotels and other real estate on Saipan.

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Local

Man arrested for saying Fitial 'should die'

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Police arrested a man for going to the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill on Friday and allegedly stating that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial should not resign but die.

Police served Brian Kendall, 48, with an arrest warrant on Saturday in Papago on charges of making a terroristic threat and disturbing the peace.

At yesterday's hearing, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho reduced

Kendall's \$5,000 cash bail to \$500 cash and barred him from having direct or indirect contact with Fitial.

Assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg was appointed to serve as Kendall's counsel.

Police detective Kevin R. Maratita stated in his report that Kendall showed up at the administration building on Friday and met with press secretary Angel Demapan and Fitial's bodyguard, Capt. Jermaine Nekaifes.

Kendall stated that he was there

to meet with Fitial's senior adviser, Dr. John Joyner, but then went on to tell Demapan about how bad the CNMI government was.

As Kendall's voice started to get louder, Nekaifes intervened. Kendall allegedly said that he better not say anything stupid because someone has a weapon, referring to Nekaifes.

Kendall then met with Joyner, during which Kendall pointed to the governor's picture and stated that "he should not resign, he should die."

Kendall also told Joyner

about Fitial being responsible for the messy state the CNMI is in right now. Kendall also allegedly stated that Fitial is worthless and that he shouldn't resign but should die.

The defendant also allegedly told Joyner that when the governor uses the back door to avoid the media, he will be there at the same time "and bash him with the metal pipe or aluminum bat."

Joyner informed Fitial about the threats. The governor told Joyner to report the matter to the police.

Grant awards to CNMI scholars to remain unchanged in spring 2013

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NMI Scholarship Office administrator Rose Pangelinan assured yesterday that financial awards to scholars will remain intact for the spring 2013 semester.

Pangelinan's office was allocated a budget of \$2 million this fiscal year for two scholarship programs: the education assistance program, or EAP, and the Honors scholarship.

However, starting fall semester 2013, the Honors scholarship program will no longer be made available to applicants as mandated by its sunset provision, Pangelinan said.

Under the Honors scholarship, eligible scholars can avail of financial assistance of up to \$15,000 yearly. This amount will remain until the program's expiration in the fall 2013 semester.

Pangelinan said the last set of Honors scholars are the spring 2013 recipients, which total 43 students: five at the Northern Marianas College and 38 in off-island universities and colleges.

The law needs to be amended for the Honors scholarship to continue beyond 2013. Press secretary Angel Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*, however, that the administration does not plan to make any recommendations to the Legis-

lature on this matter.

EAP scholars will continue to receive an across-the-board financial assistance of \$938.34 for those enrolled at NMC and \$1,050 per semester for those studying off-island.

"There will be no changes in the financial awards for both programs this spring semester. Honors scholars will continue to receive same award amount like last semester, which maximum remains at \$15,000 per year," said Pangelinan, pointing out that each scholar received different financial awards depending on the cost of their studies here and abroad.

Compared to EAP, the Hon-

ors scholarship requires a very high grade point average that the scholars have to maintain every semester. Not everybody under the program receives the full \$15,000 because their school expenses have to be certified by the school financial aid counselor, which CNMI Scholarship Office verifies before releasing the check.

The EAP, on the other hand, requires meeting a 2.25 cumulative GPA and the scholar must be enrolled in 12 units or more for the semester.

Prosecution rests; Weindl to call own witnesses

The U.S. government rested its case yesterday afternoon in the trial of former school principal Thomas Weindl, soon after the testimony of a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent who quoted Weindl as saying during an interview that he was embarrassed and ashamed of what he did.

The trial of the 68-year-old Weindl resumes today, Tuesday, with defense counsel David Banes expected to call in witnesses.

During the continuation of his testimony, FBI special agent Edmund H. Ewing said that in his interview with Weindl on June 28, 2012, Weindl admitted to visiting several websites for two or three days using a computer.

Ewing said that Weindl was apologetic for lying to FBI special agent Joe Auther about the location of the computer.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy presented in court more pornographic images of females, including those who looked like minors, during the continuation of Ewing's testimony yesterday.

Defense counsel David Banes reiterated that screenshot images purporting to be the particular images seen, accessed, or received by Weindl must be authenticated in order to be admitted into evidence.

After the testimony of an IT&E employee, the prosecution rested its case.

Weindl is on trial for one count of receipt of child pornography and one count of access with intent to view child pornography. (Ferdie de la Torre)



Tourism Tuesday

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In December, the **Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA)** partnered with **Lotte Tour, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino**, and **Asiana Airlines** on TV home shopping promotion for Tinian packages.

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Former health secretary Isamu J. Abraham, 68

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Former Public Health secretary Dr. Isamu J. Abraham passed away on Thursday morning due to a massive stroke at his resi-

dence in Finasisu. He was 68.

Abraham served as public health secretary for four years that ended in 1997, during the term of Gov. Froilan Tenorio.

Until his passing, Dr. Abraham was a member of the World

Health Organization Sub-regional Committee working on polio eradication. Since 2011, he was a member of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Evidence-based Intervention Workgroup, Project Brabu, CNMI.

He is survived by his wife Felicitas Abraham and their four children: Lisa Kimberly A. Rengechel, Joanna Dolores "Jody" P. Abraham, Jon Christopher P. Abraham, and Michelle Kerin A. Scholz.

Memorial Mass will be at Mt. Carmel Cathedral on Friday at 11:30am. Visitation to pay last respects will begin at 9:30am at

the Cathedral.

Federated States of Micronesia President Emanuel "Manny" Mori has expressed his condolences to Felicitas Abraham.

"I am really sorry to hear about Isamu's untimely passing. I still have a very vivid impression of our last meeting [on] Saipan," said Mori in an email to Felicitas Abraham on Sunday.

The president said he will be sending official condolences to the family.

Joanna Dolores "Jody" P. Abraham, a prevention specialist at Public Health, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that their father's remains will be cremated

at his behest. They will keep half of the ashes on Saipan, while the other half will be scattered in Kosrae, where their father was born.

She described her father as very humble and hardworking. "He would do everything for his family. He believed in working hard, giving back to his community," the daughter said.

Dr. Abraham wrote numerous articles and papers on Pacific health issues. He was the author of the CNMI's 2000 Youth Tobacco Survey.

From 1998 to August 2002, Dr. Abraham was a special health adviser for the CNMI government, and the Department of Public Health.

In 2003, Dr. Abraham was a special health adviser to the

CNMI Legislature's Committee on Health.

In October 2000, former Secretary Donna E. Shalala of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services appointed him to the "Secretary's Advisory Committee on Minority Health."

Dr. Abraham was president of a Kosraean Christian Endeavor Organization on Saipan. He was a past chairman of the CNMI Council for the Humanities. He was also a member of the CNMI Task Force working on cancer issues.

FIVE YEARS AFTER:

Colleagues and staff fondly remember 'JP' Pangelinan

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REPORTER

Today, Feb. 5, marks the fifth death anniversary of the late *Saipan Tribune* publisher John "JP" Pangelinan, and friends, family members, and former staff remember him for touching their lives in one way or another.

Pangelinan, who died at 70 after a long battle with lung cancer, continues to serve as an inspiration to colleagues and employees with whom he worked with for many years.

Eli Arago, senior vice president of Tan Holdings, said he lost a dear friend when Pangelinan died. Arago met Pangelinan in 1986 and they became good friends.

"For the 22 years I have known JP, no one can say he's not a good man because he truly was. He had a big heart and was ready to listen and help. People loved him because he showed that he really cared," said Arago, who believes that Pangelinan's legacy will forever remain in the hearts of those who loved him.

If there's one character that he admired most in his friend, Arago said: "JP was a very humble man."

Mirasol Dayao, *Saipan Tribune* accounting manager, remembers the goodness of her former "not-typical" boss whom she admired for his open-door policy. Pangelinan's effective management, she said, was a result of his hands-on supervision in all aspects of operations.

"He cared so much for his

employees. As a boss, he always made sure that everybody was getting the proper attention and recognition...and that's something I really missed about him. I also admire his leadership's open-door policy and for being a good listener," said Dayao, who worked with Pangelinan for six years since 2002.

During special occasions like Valentine's Day, Pangelinan never forgot to send red roses to all female staffers.

"He never missed that special occasion to show us how special we are! This is besides treating us to expensive restaurants during Administrative or Secretaries' Day!" said circulation supervisor Pauline Arurang, who is always grateful to Pangelinan for all the years they have worked together.

Merlyn Del Rosario also has special memories of her former boss, whom she described as someone who always had a big smile for everyone.

She recalled that Pangelinan always made sure employees would get together for special celebrations such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year, and would even host *despedidas* (farewell parties) for departing colleagues. "I missed making special coffee for my boss!" Del Rosario said.

Becky Tenorio, Pangelinan's niece, said the former *Saipan Tribune* publisher was one of the most loved and among her favorite uncles in the family. No special family occasion occurs without Pangelinan's name being mentioned and remembered.

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Pangelinan

\$75K cash bail for stabbing suspect

The suspect in the stabbing of a security guard during a foiled robbery at a poker arcade in Dandan is currently being held on a \$75,000 cash bail.

Edward Deleon Guerrero, 18, is charged with aggravated assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, disturbing the peace, and minor consuming liquor.

Preliminary hearing is on Feb. 12 at 1:30pm.

Acting police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Blas Jr. said yesterday that the victim, Ferdinand Martin, 48, was treated at the Commonwealth Health Center for lacerations on his neck, ear, and right

thumb. Martin was admitted for further observation, he added.

Blas said that Deleon Guerrero called DPS on the day of the alleged attack, saying that he was turning himself in.

Patrol officer Abraham Vilagomez found Deleon Guerrero along Holiday Drive in Dandan Homestead. Deleon Guerrero, who smelled of alcohol, allegedly confessed he tried to rob the poker arcade.

The cashier and another witness identified Deleon Guerrero as the person who entered the poker arcade and attacked the guard with a knife. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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Celis, Ayana Kai S.
Dayrit, Jenarisa Mae S.
Gamab, Gwen Tiffany D.
Lai, Li Sha
Manglona, Aiyana Jade R.
Propst, Devin Jordan M.

Sablan, Andrew B.

2nd Grade

Cabrera, Kyla Monique B.
Dela Cruz, Kina M.
Hunter, Brissa C.
Muna, Breanna S.
Omar, Salina Jacklyn I.
Ortizo, Brent Matthew E.
Sablan, Mathew Adrian A.
Sasamoto, Derek Moritaro S.
Sasamoto, Yurihana Rosa D.

3rd Grade

Aldave, Lynette Anne D.
Alvarez, Robin Kyle M.
Bucalig, Fiona Marielle A.
Combinido, Jewel Monique M.
Cruzana, Daphne Rylee M.

Diaz, Jeremiah Jerome H.
Duenas, Monique Laura F.
Mallari, Vaughn Andrei A.
Mareham, Jacob C.
Mendiola, Alleah Marie R.
Pelen, Brandon Philip A.
Propst, Kiana Lei M.
Sablan, Vidal Jose B.
San Nicolas, Katmelo L.
Tenorio, Joshua C.
Travilla, Kaia D.
Villar, Jedric Nathaniel C.

4th Grade

Avendano-Woodruff, Katherine
Stephanie
Ayuyu, Maria Kanako E.
Hunter, Brandee C.
Kang, Kevin
Langdon, Tristin Kyler M.
Mareham, Zoe Kleui C.
Reyes, Kyana Frances D.

Sablan, Penelope F.
Sato, Maaya

5th Grade

Borja, Kalea Lou B.
Bucalig, Francesca Marie A.
Buenaventura, Riley Anne O.
Deleon Guerrero, William Blake C.
Javier, Lleyton Andre A.

6th Grade

Macaranas, Dayna Lou M.
Pangelinan, Rosalia Francine A.
Ramirez, Reica Jucel A.

7th Grade

Lazaro, Maria Christine M.

8th Grade

Doctor, Jaqueline B.
Ortizo, Michael Roy E.

9th Grade

Iwai, Emiri Angela
Javier, Cathryn Jane A.
Manglona, Thomas II A.
Pak, Han Byeol
Pangelinan, Jonathan R.

10th Grade

Babauta, Peter Thomas A.
Camacho, William D.
Lazaro, Maria Fe Andrea M.
Moses, Darvhan-Augustne V.
Son, Jung Hyun (Tony)

11th Grade

Jun, Bo Min
Lizama, Leong II Liang
Wu, Ginny

12th Grade

Camacho, Victoria Ann B.
Cho, Bryan

Lizama, Feng Liang
Revilla, Janela A.
Ryu, Ji Min
Saludez, John Gilbert S.
Schweiger, Anastasia Rose C.
Taguchi, Ken I.

HONOR ROLL

To be on the Honor Roll, students must have a GPA of 3.66 or above and must not have any behavior grade of Unsatisfactory (U) or Needs Improvement (NI).

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Barcinas, Alicia L.
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Chen, Jeery
Dela Cruz, L'Wina Lynn
Militante, Ethan Jude C.
Salas, Raymana Owen D.
Taimanao, Jr. II, Joannes R.
Tolentino, Leyonne Alfred F.
Torres, Maria Yoshie C.

2nd Grade

Baldazo, Keehara Nielsen V.
Camacho, Vidal Jose H.
Cruz, Moeisha Eleanor F.
Diaz, Carlo Crisdeo H.
Palacios, Ryona Exsaleen S.
Reyes, Tiara Maya I.
Sablan, Isaiah Crispin R.

3rd Grade

Chong, Kevin Daisuke M.
Fernando, Karvin Carl I.
Morales, Ariel S.
Pangelinan, Jamille B.
Schweiger, Theresa Rose C.
Travilla, Jennalyn Rose T.

4th Grade

Tomboc, Reuben Christian O.

5th Grade

Kim, Yu Dam
Pelen, Ashley Mae A.
Rabang, Katelyn A.
Richardson, Mathew Roderick
Saliin, Dustin Ross D.
Taguchi, Julia I.

6th Grade

Han, Louisa Sa
Ocampo, Justin Gerald P.
Pangelinan, Joanna Marie R.
Sato, Karen
Tabora, Earl Daivick B.

7th Grade

Muna, De'Jana Lennise S.
Torres, Cassidy Victoria C.
Usi, Monica Aira B.
Zeng, Rui Hua Theresa Xu

8th Grade

Cushing, Arron C.
Hunter, Brianna C.
Santos, Joshua G.

9th Grade

Taimanao, Janika T.

10th Grade

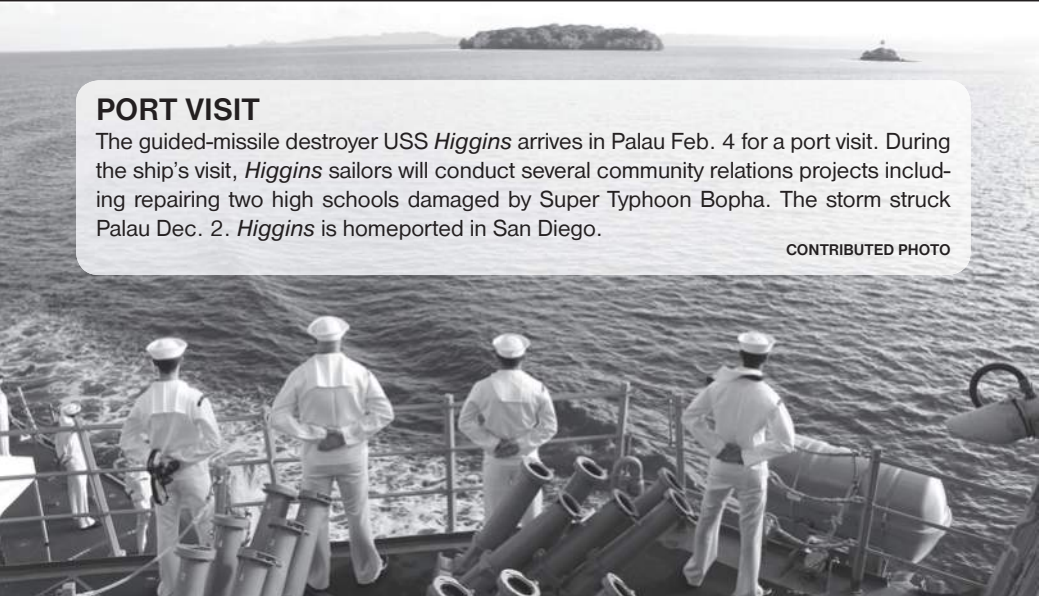
Seo, Grace Yoo

11th Grade

Jung, Ju Won
Kang, Hyun Suk
Taylor, Amy M.

12th Grade

Elenzano, Anne Gelika M.
Han, Young Chae (Elizabeth)
Masga, Michelle Ann M.
Olarte, Alyssia Ashley D.
Pangelinan, Amalia Adela L.
Sablan, Kimberly Rae



PORT VISIT

The guided-missile destroyer USS *Higgins* arrives in Palau Feb. 4 for a port visit. During the ship's visit, *Higgins* sailors will conduct several community relations projects including repairing two high schools damaged by Super Typhoon Bopha. The storm struck Palau Dec. 2. *Higgins* is homeported in San Diego.

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TUDELA

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Demapan, one of nine siblings, said her father's funeral will be on Feb. 14 at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

She, however, said they do not have the exact date yet as to when his remains will arrive on Saipan. The former mayor would have turned 78 on May 16.

"I will miss most his helpfulness,

kindness and love of his children, family and the community," Demapan said in a phone interview. "But we have accepted his passing. He had fulfilled a great life. He served his full potential, and he touched a lot of people in his life. He's a devoted Catholic."

Nightly rosary is being held at San Vicente Church at 7pm, after the 6pm Mass.

In a statement yesterday, Fitial said: "Mayor Tudela loved Saipan and loved our Commonwealth. He was a great

personal friend and colleague. But above all, he was a well-respected and highly regarded in his roles as a legislator, Board of Education member, village commissioner, and scoutmaster with the Garapan Boy Scouts. Mayor Tudela's passing is a deep loss for our Commonwealth. He will be sorely missed."

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the former mayor "quickly became a pioneering local leader for the community through the various leadership

positions he held in the community and in the government."

Fitial and Inos have extended their condolences to the former mayor's wife, children, and the entire family.

"As a native son of the Commonwealth, Mayor Tudela lived a life dedicated to public service through numerous key positions in both the trust territory and Commonwealth governments," Fitial said.

Tudela served two terms as Saipan mayor. He first ran and got elected under the Democratic Party in November 2001 and was re-elected in November 2005 under Fitial's then Covenant Party.

Ignacio Demapan, resident executive director of the Indigenous Affairs Office, said yesterday that Tudela "has been a great friend."

Demapan said he and Tudela served in the 14th House of Representatives, and that Tudela previously served in

Demapan's current position.

"He always wants to help Saipan and the CNMI. He is a great loss to our islands. He's a respectable man," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* last night. He said he learned of Tudela's passing early Sunday morning, Saipan time.

In early 2009, Tudela said he was retiring from politics so he can have "more time with my family." He turned down offers for him to run in that year's elections.

In nearly 15 years in public office, Tudela said he had always won by landslide. He said he owes this to the trust and confidence the people of Saipan gave him.

Tudela was also instrumental in bringing in Japanese students through the NMI-Japan Cultural Exchange programs where hundreds of students were given the opportunity to travel here and in Japan.

FITIAL

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corruption, felony, and neglect of duty, depending on when the Special Investigating Committee on Impeachment adopts a final report and recommendation.

A 51-page draft of the impeachment panel report is now under review by committee members, who will meet again today, tomorrow, and Thursday, committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan) said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday he is not aware of any statutory prohibitions that bar the governor from discussing his side of the story with lawmakers.

"The most important issue to note here is that the lawmakers themselves will, at the appropriate time, independently and willingly cast their vote on this matter based on all the evidence brought before them. It is no different as having pro-impeachment advocates lobbying lawmakers to vote for impeachment. Is that not to be considered as tampering or influencing? At the end of the day, the decision will be made by each lawmaker, no more no less," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Rep. Mario Taitano (IR-Saipan) said the governor has attempted to use other people to get to him on the impeach-

ment vote but the facts and evidence support the governor's impeachment.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (IR-Saipan) separately said yesterday that if this were criminal proceedings, the governor could be charged and jailed for witness or grand jury tampering.

Deleon Guerrero, main author of the impeachment resolution, said the governor trying to influence or obstruct the impeachment process is a concern.

"Now if this has gone public on one of our members, we may have concern that it may be happening, this may be more widespread but we haven't found out about it. And the extent of his tampering may go beyond the House and it may go to the Senate so there is a [concern]. I think he may be put in jail if this was a criminal proceeding. I mean he could be charged if this were a criminal proceeding. Lucky it's not," Deleon Guerrero said yesterday.

Rep. Janet Maratita (IR-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* on Friday that she has "\$190 million reasons to vote yes to impeach the governor," referring to the lawsuit she filed on behalf of taxpayers over the governor's signing of a no-bid, 25-year \$190.8-million diesel power purchase agreement.

The sole-source PPA is one of the corruption allegations against Fitial.

The special committee chair said they will ensure that the 72-hour public notice

requirement is met, and will give ample time for all House members to review the committee report once it is finalized.

"We don't want to be contradicting ourselves in the way we conduct the impeachment process. We want to move things but we want to do it right and proper," he told reporters.

At the Senate

The Senate leadership has yet to name members of a special committee on impeachment rules.

Senate President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Vice President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said yesterday that all the members of the committee, which Torres chairs, will be named either today or the next few days.

However, the leadership has started doing preliminary research on impeachment trial procedures.

At least 14 "yes" votes in the 20-member House are needed to elevate the impeachment process to the Senate.

In the nine-member Senate, at least six "yes" votes are needed to convict the governor.

In the House, all members are expected to vote on each of the 18 articles, instead of voting on the resolution as a whole.

The governor can be impeached and convicted on any of the 18 articles of impeachment.

PIC

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In May 2012, after months of negotiations and false alarms, United Micronesia Development Association Inc. formally announced the sale of its Micronesia Resort Inc., which owns the 14-story, 313-room Palms Resort Saipan in San Roque to E Land Park. UMDA later on said it was a \$20-million asset sale.

E Land Park is one of the many

companies in the E Land Group of Companies, a worldwide conglomerate engaged in fashion, hotels, condominiums, and construction, and has reported holdings of some \$7 billion.

Four months later, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial announced that E-Land Group of Korea became majority owner of Coral Ocean Point.

E Land has also expressed interest in leasing some 34,000 square meters of public lands in San Antonio to build a new hotel resort.

PANGELINAN

From Page 3

"Uncle JP is a special family member that we will always remember in family celebrations. We considered him among the favorite uncles in the family because JP was loving, generous, and cheerful!" added Tenorio.

Before joining the *Saipan Tribune*, Pangelinan worked for Tan Holdings for 23 years in various capacities on both Saipan and Guam. He had also served as president of Unity International Corp. in Guam. Pangelinan was born on Saipan on Oct. 26, 1937.

Since his death, Tan Holdings has hosted annually a walkathon called "JP Walk" to honor his memory.

Tina Sablan named MCS' Distinguished Graduate of the Year

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Mount Carmel School bestowed its prestigious Distinguished Graduate of the Year award on former lawmaker and current KSPN 2 anchor/reporter Christina Marie "Tina" Sablan during the institution's Family Night celebration on Friday.

The occasion was part of the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

Sablan said the recognition was unexpected. "I was very pleasantly surprised, as well as deeply honored when I was notified of the award. Mount Carmel School will always hold a special place in my heart. I owe a great debt to the school community that raised me and instilled in me many of the core values that I hold dear to this day," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan graduated from the institution in 1999. Like past awardees, recipients of the award have distinguished themselves as noted leaders in business, government, and the community who represent the school's trademark values of faith, excellence, and success.

MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, who announced the award, described Sablan as one of the most accomplished scholars of her generation.

Sablan graduated from MCS in 1999 as class valedictorian, earning both the CNMI's full honors scholarship and the

competitive Robert Byrd Scholarship. She went on to attend DePaul University in Chicago,

"As intellectually accomplished as she is, she did not confine herself to the walls of

After graduation, she worked for the Division of Environmental Quality as an environmental specialist and then as a water reduction and recycling coordinator.

From 2010 through 2012, Sablan worked as program manager for the Commonwealth Cancer Society until she moved on to become an anchor and reporter for KSPN2 News, where she has highlighted critical issues in the CNMI and broken some of the top news on island.

In 2007, Sablan ran a revolutionary grassroots campaign and was elected to the CNMI

House of Representatives. In addition to running in that election, she has volunteered as an election observer in Bougainville, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, and here in the CNMI. She also spearheaded a popular initiative to reapply the Open Government Act to the CNMI and facilitated numerous public forums and community meetings to promote dialogue, awareness, and action on a wide range of CNMI issues.

In recognition of all of this civic involvement, she was featured in Pacific Magazine's "25 to Watch" and Guam Business Magazine's "35 under 35" in

2007. In 2008, Sablan was selected by the Saipan Tribune as its Person of the Year.

"It is clear that this year's awardee has distinguished herself in the civic arena. But, more important than distinguishing herself civically, professionally, and academically, this year's awardee has distinguished herself socially, ethically, and morally as the voice of reason and the conscience of our community," said Deleon Guerrero.

Since 1998, Mount Carmel School has recognized one outstanding individual for its Distinguished Graduate Award every year.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

At the conclusion of its celebration of Catholic Schools Week, Mount Carmel School recognized 1999 AlumKnight Christina Marie Sablan, center, as its 2013 Distinguished Graduate. On hand to recognize Sablan were Fr. Ryan Jimenez, second from left, Superintendent of Catholic Schools and Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa; Fr. Kent Hezel SJ, far left, director for Lay Formation for the diocese; Joseph L. G. Tajeron, chairman of Mount Carmel School's board of directors, second from right; and school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, far right.

Illinois, and the College of Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

While in college, Sablan made it onto the Dean's List virtually every semester and was recognized for numerous accomplishments, including the Presidential Academic Merit Award and inclusion in the 2003 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Conservation Science in the same year.

academia. Professionally, this 1999 AlumKnight has also distinguished herself as a versatile and dynamic jack of all trades," said Deleon Guerrero.

Sablan worked as a tutor and then tutor coordinator for students with disabilities as well as low-income, minority, and first-generation college students while still in college. She also continued this teaching track in 2005 when she taught middle school science at Whispering Palms School.

High Court suspends Woodruff

Last Friday the Supreme Court granted the Commonwealth Bar Disciplinary Committee's petition to temporarily suspend attorney Stephen C. Woodruff from the practice of law. The temporary suspension went into effect Feb. 1, 2013.

In its opinion, the High Court found sufficient evidence to warrant suspending Woodruff pending a full investigation



Woodruff

and hearing by the Superior Court. The suspension bars Woodruff from advising clients, appearing in court, and drafting legal documents. It will last until the Superior Court re-

solves nearly a dozen disciplinary matters against Woodruff.

The High Court also ordered Woodruff to provide his current clients a copy of the court's opinion suspending him no later than Feb. 19, 2013.

The Supreme Court's full opinion is *In re Woodruff*, 2013 MP 1, and can be found at http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme_13.htm. (NMI Judiciary)



Left to right: Henri Oftana, Tim Oftana, Emely Oftana, Alice Oftana Tamayo and Mervin Tamayo of Guam Bakery

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'CHC electronic health record project on track'

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Juan N. Babauta said the federally mandated electronic health record system for the Commonwealth Health Center is moving forward and is on track.

He said that Dr. Norman Okamura, University of Ha-

waii Telecommunications and Social Informatics Research Program director who serves as liaison for the project, was on island last week to inspect the new system.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is authorized to offer incentive payments to hospitals and eligible providers

demonstrating meaningful use of certified electronic health record technology.

The corporation had asked the Legislature to appropriate \$1.58 million for the government hospital to fully implement this project and this later obtained funding assistance from the Marianas Public Land Trust through a loan agreement.

Babauta said a portion of this \$1.5-million loan was utilized for stage 1 requirements of the program that requires the use of electronic health record system technology. This project required no local matching from the corporation.

"Once we prove our meaningful use of this system, we will be getting the incentives from the federal government

that will help the hospital further move forward. I can say, we are on track on this project," Babauta said.

Saipan Tribune learned that the corporation can get \$2 million in federal incentives in the first year, \$1.5 million in the second, \$1 million in the third, and \$500,000 in the fourth, if it successfully implements the project.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services encourages providers and health agencies to use electronic health record systems to plan, implement, and sustainably maintain a secure health information exchange capability connected to the National Health Information Network. The plan builds on the capacity of local and regional exchange efforts.



SCHOOL OFFICERS

CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro Castro has his picture taken with all the Student Council members and advisors of Hopwood Junior High School after a recent swearing in ceremony.

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Chamber February meeting tomorrow

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its February general membership luncheon meeting tomorrow, Feb. 6, 2013, at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio, Saipan. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am and the general membership meeting will begin sharply at noon.

Traditionally, the Chamber reserves its first general mem-

bership meeting of the year in February to discuss the upcoming year's slate of activities, projects and committee work. The seven standing committee chairpersons will take a few moments each to discuss their proposals for 2013.

These chairpersons are Douglas Brennan and Associate Judge David Wiseman (Armed

Forces Committee); Janice Tenorio and Velma Palacios (Education Committee); Greg Moretti and Ron Smith (Environmental Committee); Nola Hix and Kevin McCale (Events Committee); Vince Seman and Rosemond Santos (Government Relations Committee); Nola Hix and Chris Concepcion (Membership Committee); and

Melvin Tenorio and Perry Inos (Small Business Committee).

Newly elected Chamber president Alex Sablan will conduct the meeting, after being sworn in with the other eight Chamber directors and officers on Jan. 26. That night, the also Chamber announced its selection of the 2012 SCC Businessperson of the Year Award. That award, for the first time since its inception, was given to two recipi-

ents; Tony Pellegrino of Saipan Sea Ventures and Arctic Circle Airlines; and Marcia Ayuyu, of Re/Max and RJ Realty Saipan. The Chamber congratulates these two excellent examples of business and community involvement.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1959

and incorporated in 1976, is the largest private business organization in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with its 170 members. The Chamber works to promote and protect the business, economic and civic interests, and the general health and welfare, of the islands. (SCC)

Police seek alleged meth dealer

Police are seeking the help of the community in locating Chinese national Yuanrong Zhao, who is wanted pursuant to an arrest warrant.

Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman issued an arrest warrant for Zhao on Feb. 1, 2013, on charges of illegal



Zhao

possession of a controlled substance and trafficking of a controlled substance, crystal methamphetamine, or "ice."

Police detectives have not

been able to locate Zhao after visiting his last known address and other areas he frequented.

He is described as 5'2" to 5'3" tall, weighing about 160 to 165 lbs, with brown eyes and black hair.

Police advise the public not to approach Zhao but to immediately report his whereabouts by calling the

police emergency line 911, Criminal Investigation Bureau office at 664-9042, or the NMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272. (DPS)

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

EY Corporation dba: Tropical Ice

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Tolkach Evgenii is proposing to operate a synthetic skating rink on public land lot #054 H 01. This use is classified as Outdoor, Amusement and will be located next to the basketball court along Beach Road, Susupe, across from the House of Justice and north of Saipan World Resort. This area is zoned as Public Resource.

Date: February 19, 2013, Tuesday

Time: 5:30 pm

**Place: Multi Purpose Center, Beach Road
Susupe, Saipan**

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30pm, February 14, 2013. Written comments may also be submitted via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2008).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JVA No. 13-007

Date: Monday, February 4, 2013
Date: Friday, February 15, 2013

Stipulated Order II Project Coordinator

DUTIES: COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION (CUC) is a government entity that provides power, water and wastewater service on Saipan and power and water services on Tinian and Rota in the NMI. This position is under the supervision of the Petroleum and Compliance Manager or his/her designee. The Stipulated Order II Project Coordinator may also be known as the Regulatory Compliance Manager (RCM). (The Petroleum and Compliance Manager position is known in the Stipulated Order (SO) of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as the Technical Manager for Oil or TMO.) The RCM shall be primarily responsible for oversight of projects and compliance activities including oil management in support of the Stipulated Order. The RCM shall assist the Petroleum and Compliance Manager in overseeing, all oil spill prevention, preparedness and response operations and compliance activities and deliverables, on a daily basis as required by stipulated order. The RCM shall also function as the Acting Petroleum and Compliance Manager during the absence or non-availability of EPA and will be the person responsible for maintaining regular contact with EPA staff regarding section 311 CWA compliance issues, including representation in the US Federal court and other regulatory agencies. In the absence of the Petroleum and Compliance Manager, the RCM will have authority to make decisions for the management and operations of oil related items required by Stipulated Order.

LOCATION: Primarily at CUC Petroleum and Compliance Office on Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands, USA. (Currently the Petroleum and Compliance Office is in Lower Base; it may be relocated to Dandan.) Routine meetings occur at the CUC Main Office on Saipan and at the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. Project site visits may occur around Saipan; including but not limited to Power Plant 4 and along the oil pipeline. Limited travel, but periodic, short travel to Tinian may be possible. Periodic, short travel to Rota is more likely.

SALARY: Pursuant to qualifications \$50,000.00 to \$74,989.00 per annum; Un-classified.

POSITIONS: One (1).

CONTRACT: Two-year; may be subject to work authorization requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Completion of four (4) years of college or its equivalent with major work in engineering, with the following:

- 10 years in project administration and management, including overseeing work of contractors and company staff in an executive management position with proven management and communication skills.
- Environmental compliance, with a min of three (3) years of experience with oil spill, prevention, preparedness and response, environmental assessment related to power plant operations and extensive knowledge of DEQ and EPA regulations.
- 5 years experience in preparing bid or request for quotations and proposals.
- 5 years experience in contract negotiation and preparation.

Desirable:

- Prior experience of staff training and development.
- Master's degree in engineering and registration as professional engineer pursuant to the National Council of Engineering Examiners standards in civil, mechanical or chemical engineering.
- Certification in API tank inspection.

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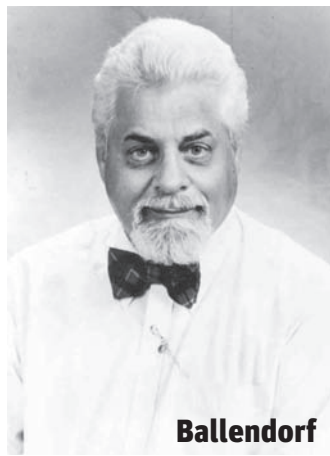
Kanoa Resort, is located next to Saipan World Resort Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan, and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

UOG mourns passing of Ballendorf

The University of Guam is mourning the passing of Dr. Dirk A. Ballendorf, professor of history in the Micronesian Studies Program and former director of the Micronesia Area Research Center. Ballendorf passed away in his sleep Monday morning.

UOG president Dr. Robert A. Underwood issued the following statement: "This is a tremendous loss for our campus and our region. Dr. Ballendorf was a pioneer in the field of Micronesian Studies and research. His career and contributions were extraordinary and this loss is felt deeply. On behalf of the entire University, I extend my condolences to Dr. Ballendorf's family, friends and colleagues."

Ballendorf was born in Philadelphia in 1939. He graduated from the Pennsylvania State College at West Chester in 1961 and spent the following two



Ballendorf

years as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines where he also studied history at the Ateneo de Manila University. He holds a master's degree in history from Howard University in Washington DC (1965), and a doctor's degree in planning and administration from Harvard (1973). From 1975 to 1983 he was an adjunct

professor at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. In 1977 he was appointed president of the College of Micronesia at Pohnpei in the Eastern Caroline Islands.

In 1979, Ballendorf joined the University of Guam's Micronesian Area Research Center where he was director for two separate terms, in 1979 and in 2004. As a notable scholar of Micronesia he taught courses in Guam and Micronesia history for many years. Ballendorf retired in 2008 after almost 30 years of service to the University of Guam.

He is the author of 11 books and over 200 articles and reviews on Micronesian history and culture. In 2009 MARC honored Ballendorf at its first Gala for his contributions to Guam and Micronesia history. (UOG)

FOA presents night of fairies and romance

The Friends of the Arts will be presenting Richard Carter's adapted version of William Shakespeare's comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as its special Valentine's Day program on Feb. 14, with follow-up performances on Feb. 15 and 17. All performances will take place at PIC's Charley's Cabaret.

The Valentine's Day program is FOA's special performance of the year to give members an opportunity on this romantic day to treat their special someone to the delicious PIC Magellan Club dinner buffet and an evening of fairies, high-spirited humor and theater.

Doors will open and the buffet will be available beginning at 6pm, with the play to begin at 7pm. The cost for this evening of fine food and entertainment will be \$35 per person for FOA members, \$40 per person for non-members and \$20 for children, 4-11 years. The cost for season ticket holders will be \$22 per person.

Tables for 2, 4 or 6 can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis as they remain available by calling Frank Gibson at 287-7476 or e-mailing him at flgibson@yahoo.com. Reservations are required and, because of the FOA's cost commitment to PIC, reservations must be considered as a commitment.

Performances without the meal will follow on Feb. 15 and 17 with the play beginning at 7pm on Friday, Feb. 15, and at 4pm for the Sunday, Feb. 17 matinee. The door will open at 5:45pm and 3:45pm, respectively. Admission for these programs will be \$12 for FOA adult members, \$15 for non-members, \$8 for students and children over 4, and \$5 for Thespian members. For season ticket holders, these performances are included as part of the season tickets with no additional charge.

About the play

Richard Carter, MFA, is co-

founder and director of the Community Shakespeare Company for young actors. His award-winning plays have been produced from Seattle to London. His verse adaptations of classic literature motivate and enchant actors and audiences, pre-school through adult.

In William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, set in an enchanted moonlit forest, each of the characters cross paths on their way to attend the wedding of Duke Theseus of Athens to the Amazon Queen, Hippolyta. While on their way, each experiences trickery from the woodland Fairy King Oberon through the machinations of Puck, his court jester. King Oberon and his wife, Titania, are also headed to attend the Duke's wedding, when they have a marital spat, and the fairy king decides to teach his beloved wife a lesson she will soon forget. As is the magic of this night, it is all just a dream, and all ends well. (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

USS Higgins makes port visit to Palau

The guided-missile destroyer USS *Higgins* arrived in Palau Feb. 4 for a port visit.

During the ship's visit, *Higgins* sailors will conduct several community relations projects including repairing two high schools damaged by Super Typhoon Bopha. The storm struck Palau Dec. 2.

Higgins is homeported in San Diego. It is the 26th ship in the Arleigh Burke class of guided missile destroyers and the first ship in the Navy named after Marine Corps Col. William R. Higgins. The ship was commissioned in 1999 and has nearly 300 sailors assigned to it.

Higgins helps provide deterrence, promote peace and security, preserve freedom of the sea and humanitarian/disaster response within 3rd Fleet's 50-million square mile area of responsibility in the Eastern Pa-

cific, as well as supporting the Navy's Maritime Strategy when forward deployed. (PR)

Valentine's Walk on Feb. 9

The Marianas Health Annual Valentine's Walk will be held on Feb. 9, 2013. Free registration begins at 6am. The walk will start from the Carolinian Utt (next to Hafadai Beach Hotel) down the Beach Road Pathway. Turnaround for the 5K course is at the Japanese Tank, while the turnaround for the 10K course is at the Oleai Beach. Special T-shirt is available while the supplies last. For more information contact Bea Quitugua at 285-1694, Hiroko Tajima at 287-8780, or Hiroko Tenorio at 483-0614. (PR)

MHS Class of '83 meeting

The MHS Class of 1983 would like to invite everyone to join then for their general meeting on

Friday, Feb. 8, 2013, at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion, Susupe, Civic Center Beach, at 7pm. If you have any question, call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665. (PR)

'College Information Night' tonight

The Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands is inviting all students to its second "College Information Night" today, Feb. 5, from 7pm to 9pm, at the Dolphin Theatre on the Marianas High School Campus. A "Q&A" follows.

All aspects of the college admission process will be presented with some focus on opportunities for Thespian and NFL students. There are specific colleges and universities that seek out NFL and Thespian students, there are special scholarships available and unique audition opportunities.

All grade levels and all students are invited to attend, not just juniors and seniors. (PR)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Opening Date: Monday, February 4, 2013 for JVA Nos. 13-008 through 13-015
Closing Date: Friday, February 15, 2013 for JVA Nos. 13-008 through 13-015

JVA No. 13-00

Assistant Engineer (Electrical)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Rota or his/her designee. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

LOCATION: Primarily at the Power Plant on Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. However, periodic meetings may occur at the Rota Administration Office.

SALARY: \$23,200.00 to \$33,640.00 per annum; Un-classified.

POSITIONS: One (1).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted; may be subject to work authorization requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

JVA No. 13-009

Assistant Engineer (Mechanical)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

LOCATION: Primarily at the Power Generation on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. However, periodic meetings may occur at the CUC Main Office on Saipan. Periodic work at Power Plant 4 is possible. Periodic travel to Rota possible for the Power Plant there; duration may be about four weeks in some cases.

SALARY: \$23,200.00 to \$33,640.00 per annum; Un-classified.

POSITIONS: One (1).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted; may be subject to work authorization requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

JVA No. 13-010

Trades Technician (Mechanic)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Rota or his/her designee. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

LOCATION: Primarily at the Power Plant on Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. However, periodic meetings may occur at the Rota Administration Office.

SALARY: \$17,282 to \$25,059 per annum; Un-classified.

POSITIONS: One (1).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted; may be subject to work authorization requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case mechanic. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

JVA No. 13-011

Trades Technician (Mechanic)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

LOCATION: Primarily at the Power Generation on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. However, periodic meetings may occur at the CUC Main Office on Saipan. Periodic work at Power Plant 4 is possible. Periodic travel to Rota possible for the Power Plant there; duration may be about four weeks in some cases.

SALARY: \$17,282 to \$25,059 per annum; Un-classified.

POSITIONS: Thirteen (13).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted; may be subject to work authorization requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case mechanic. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

JVA No. 13-012

Trades Technician (Electrical)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

LOCATION: Primarily at the Power Generation on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. However, periodic meetings may occur at the CUC Main Office on Saipan. Periodic work at Power Plant 4 is possible. Periodic travel to Rota possible for the Power Plant there; duration may be about four weeks in some cases.

SALARY: \$17,282 to \$25,059 per annum; Un-classified.

POSITIONS: Five (5).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted; may be subject to work authorization requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case electrical. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

JVA No. 13-013

Trades Technician (Operator)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

LOCATION: Primarily at the Power Generation on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. However, periodic meeting may occur at the CUC Main Office on Saipan. Periodic work at Power Plant 4 is possible. Periodic travel to Rota possible for the Power Plant there; duration may be about four weeks in some cases.

SALARY: \$17,282 to \$25,059 per annum; Un-classified.

POSITIONS: Four (4).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted; may be subject to work authorization requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case operator. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

JVA No. 13-014

Trades Foreperson (Mechanic)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

LOCATION: Primarily at the Power Generation on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. However, periodic meetings may occur at the CUC Main Office on Saipan. Periodic work at Power Plant 4 is possible. Periodic travel to Rota possible for the Power Plant there; duration may be about four weeks in some cases.

SALARY: \$21,104 to \$30,601 per annum; Un-classified.

POSITIONS: One (1).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted; may be subject to work authorization requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education. Four years of journey-level experience at the level of a Trades Technician, or comparable experience related to the Power Generation area assigned, including one year of experience leading a crew. Graduation from a Vocational/Technical Institution as a mechanic. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

JVA No. 13-015

Trades Foreperson (Electrical)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Deputy Director for Power or his/her designee. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

LOCATION: Primarily at the Power Generation on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. However, periodic meetings may occur at the CUC Main Office on Saipan. Periodic work at Power Plant 4 is possible. Periodic travel to Rota possible; duration may be about four weeks in some cases.

SALARY: \$21,104 to \$30,601 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.

POSITIONS: One (1).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted; may be subject to work authorization requirements.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education. Four years of journey-level experience at the level of a Trades Technician, or comparable experience related to the Power Generation area assigned, including one year of experience leading a crew. Graduation from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an electrician. Please contact the CUC HR Office for more details.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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USP4GG moves essay contest deadline

In an effort to give more time and opportunities for students in the Philippines whose regions were affected by a recent typhoon, the deadline for submission of the entries for the Essay Contest on West Philippine Sea that is originally scheduled on Feb. 1, 2013, will be moved to Feb. 8, 2013. This decision came after the teleconference that was held Tuesday afternoon among the officials and members of USP4GG and with national chair Loida Nicolas Lewis presiding over the meeting in New York City.

‘There are many entries being received by the USP4GG Essay Contest Ad Hoc Com-

mittee from high school and college students in the different regions of the Philippines as well as from the Middle East and Saipan. Since there is more than a week extension from the deadline, I am hoping that more high school and college students will still participate in this essay contest in the Philippines and overseas. This issue is really critical nowadays, especially that the Philippines has already brought the territorial dispute issues with China to the United Nations,’ said Dr. Celia B. Lamkin, chairperson of the USP4GG Marianas chapter and chair of the essay

contest committee.

The winners of the contest and the awards ceremony will be held during the Global Summit of Filipinos in the Diaspora on Feb. 25-27, 2013.

For essay contest rules, visit www.uspgg.org/aug21/.../essay2013/USPGG_EssayContestRules_Final.pdf

Entries must be sent by email with a subject of ‘USP4GG Essay Contest on West Philippine Sea’ to usp4ggessay@yahoo.com together with the completed entry form signed by the contestant and the referring teacher/professor. The entry form has to be confirmed by the school prin-

icipal and college/university dean. A parental or student consent and liability form has to be submitted if the contestant is a minor.

This essay contest is supported by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Office of the President of the Philippines, Philippines’ Department of Education, and the Commission on Higher Education.

For more information, email Lamkin at celia.lamkin@yahoo.com

For more information on USP4GG, visit <http://www.uspgg.org/> and for the Global Summit of Filipinos in the Diapora, visit www.d2dglobalsummit.cfo.gov.ph/.

Rota appropriations bill heads to Fitial

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The Rota Legislative Delegation passed on its first and final reading Friday a \$75,800 appropriations bill for Rota programs and activities, up from the original proposal

of \$45,000 in poker and pachinko slot machine license fees.

Rota Legislative Delegation chair Rep. Teresita Santos’ (R-Rota) House Local Bill 18-3 is now on its way to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for action, after the bill passed by a vote of 3-0 with one absence.

Present at the meeting were Santos, delegation vice chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), and Senate Floor Leader Victor Hocog (R-Rota). Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) remains in jail for criminal charges.

Based on the numbers provid-

ed during the Friday afternoon session, the bulk will go toward terminally ill patients and those on dialysis, and the rest will go toward the Rota Scholarship Fund, retroactive salary payments under Public Law 7-31, Rota Little League, Rota Liaison Office, Rota Mayor’s Office, and Department of Public Safety/Fire Division fuel.

SENATE SESSION

Senators and one representative confer during a Senate session break Wednesday afternoon. In photo are, from left standing, Sen. Pete Reyes (IR-Saipan), Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Sen. Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan), Sen. Frank Borja (IR-Tinian), and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota). Seated, from left, Sens. Victor Hocog (R-Rota), Ralph Torres (IR-Saipan), and Frank Cruz (R-Tinian).

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Commerce officer arrested for alleged domestic violence

A compliance officer of the Department of Commerce was arrested for allegedly threatening to kill his common-law wife with a knife in front of their 4-year-old daughter at their home in Kagman last week.

Erwin Paul Togawa, 40, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault, and disturbing the peace.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho on Thursday imposed a \$25,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for tomorrow, Tuesday, at 1:30pm.

Police detective Melissa Baulong stated in her report that the victim went to the Department of Public Safety on Wednesday to file a complaint against Togawa.

According to the victim,

Togawa pulled out a knife from his waist pouch, pointed it at her and threatened to kill her. The victim said their daughter started to cry and covered her head with a blanket.

The victim also told police that on May 10, 2012, during an argument, she took her daughter and walked out of the house. Togawa allegedly followed them on a car

and threatened to run over them if they don’t get in the car. She said she later heard the car drive behind her, nearly hitting them.

On Wednesday, police officers went to the Department of Commerce where they escorted Togawa out and arrested him. Police allegedly recovered from the defendant a knife. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS’ HEADLINES

Feb. 5, 2001

Camacho slams CUC for overspending

Depleting coffers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation should not be blamed on the government’s \$12.3 million overdue bills but on CUC’s overspending, Rep. Rosiky Camacho told reporters in an interview over the weekend. Mr. Camacho, who chairs the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications, branded CUC’s decision to cut the power and water supply of government offices as a very irresponsible act. ‘I am telling the CUC chairman that it is irresponsible to disconnect public offices,’ he said, advising utility corporation officials to review the agency’s finances before it should even decide to pass the buck on the government’s failure to settle its outstanding bills.

Private firm donates to OVR-SILC

In a bid to extend assistance to hundreds of vocational rehabilitation consumers, a private company on Friday donated cash money to State Independent Living Council and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. US-CNMI Development Corporation officials William Fong and Bill Jones presented a cash donation to OVR Director Felicitas Abraham, SILC Chair Brian Farley and Vice Chair Ben Sablan. Ms. Abraham said the donation is part of the goal of US-CNMI Development Corp. to assist consumers who need technical and rehabilitation assistance such as assistive devices and employment referrals. For the past years, OVR has been actively promoting the lives of individuals with disabilities by providing them employment and other forms of support.

Feb. 5, 2002

Bill to realign \$280K vetoed

A technical oversight has resulted in a gubernatorial veto on a reapportionment bill that would have set aside \$280,000 from fund balances available under Public Law 10-41. In his transmittal letter to legislative leaders, Gov. Juan N. Babauta said he is returning House Bill 12-401 to the Legislature to be reenacted with the appropriate identification of funding sources. The measure, which was passed by the 12th Legislature, originally sought to re-align and authorize the use of \$280,000 from certain fund balances remaining from appropriations that were authorized under an expired annual appropriation law, Public Law 10-41.

McDonald’s helps ease jobless woes

In his desire to help ease local unemployment rate, businessman Joe C. Ayuyu is making an effort to hire more resident workers into his pool of McDonald’s Restaurant staff. Ayuyu recently welcomed six new local employees, the biggest number of applicants the fast-food franchise owner accepted in one sitting. He pointed out that the current economic condition has rendered some local workers jobless, and that he would like to seize the opportunity to help the government alleviate rising unemployment figures.

Feb. 5, 2003

CIP money eyed to help govt operations

Vice Speaker Manuel A. Tenorio is lobbying for the passage of a House Joint Resolution that seeks to convince the U.S. Congress to give the CNMI government more flexibility in the use of some \$10 million federal constructions grants earmarked for Fiscal Year 2003. The move, based on a recommendation by Washington Rep. Pete A. Tenorio, seeks to reprogram the Capital Improvement Projects money for disaster assistance mitigation grants and for local government operations. ‘We need the money for a lot of things. And we can use the money for typhoon relief or for operations, which is what we need now,’ said the House Vice Speaker in an interview yesterday.

Legislature honors Onerheim

Both houses of the Legislature adopted a resolution commending Associate Judge Virginia S. Sablan-Onerheim-the Commonwealth’s first and only woman magistrate-for her six-year dedication and diligence serving the CNMI as a trial court judge. The female magistrate, the second Commonwealth judge to lose a retention bid, officially leaves her judicial post on Feb. 27, 2003. The recognition, initiated by the upper house through Senate Joint Resolution 13-14, was concurred by the House of Representatives on 11 affirmative votes, with Rep. Stanley T. Torres abstaining. The Senate passed the resolution, authored by Sen. Ramon S. Guerrero, last Jan. 16. The resolution seeks to extend appreciation and commendation to Sablan-Onerheim for her lifelong dedication to the issues and concerns of the CNMI people.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Belated happy first birthday to our handsome Kindo Kiyu Villagomez Laniyo! We love you! Shoutout coming from Mom, Dad, sister Carley, sister Ciara, brother Marsen, and Grandma Bedu!

Happy birthday greeting go out to our son, Angelo Gabriel C. Manese, who is celebrating his special day today, Feb. 5, 2013! Woohoo! You are 12. But no matter how many birthdays come and go, you will always be our little son. Happy birthday and we love you dearly. Greetings come from Dad, Mom, and Ate Andee.

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Belated happy birthday to our dear Lito Mendoza who celebrated his birthday last Jan. 26. We wish you good health and more birthdays to come! Greetings come from your Golden Racquet Badminton Club family, NMBA, Sun Palace, and MakeOver Beauty Salon.

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Happy birthday to JP Sablan, who is celebrating his special day today, Feb. 5, 2013. Have fun as much as you can, but not too much, because you are at a vulnerable age and smile and laugh as much as you can while you still have teeth! Have a great one and God bless! Greetings come from your Joeten Ace Hardware family!

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Belated happy birthday to Zeny Hernandez, who celebrated her special day last Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013! We wish you all the best now and forever. God bless! Greetings come from your family!

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3 NMI schools mark weeklong Catholic Schools Week

Mount Carmel lines up weeklong celebration



Last week, Mount Carmel School on Saipan, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja on Rota, and St. Joseph Catholic School on Tinian joined the rest of the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2013.

This year's CSW theme speaks to the quality of faith-based Catholic education by proclaiming, "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards."

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa prepared for the celebration of CSW 2013 with a proclamation from the Office of the Governor on Jan. 22. The proclamation announced Jan. 27 through Feb. 1, 2013, as Catholic Schools Week.

Mount Carmel School prepared a full week of events that were aligned with CSW themes for each day of the week.

On Sunday at 9am, the focus was on "Catholic Schools in our Parishes" as MCS students converged on Mount Carmel Cathedral to kick off CSW 2013 with a Mass.

On Monday, the focus shifted to "Catholic Schools in our Community." MCS high school students engaged in different activities that supported community services, such as tree planting, beach cleanups, reading to Sister Remedios students, and helping in the public library. Elementary school students made banners expressing their

appreciation for the school's many donors and supporters.

Tuesday was dedicated to "Catholic Schools in our Faculty and Staff." On that day, MCS held an appreciation program for faculty and staff, in which the 2013 MCS Teacher of the Year was announced.

On Wednesday, MCS celebrated "Catholic Schools in our Vocations" with a Eucharistic Celebration, followed by a vocations talk and other activities honoring vocations.

MCS shifted its attention on Thursday to the rest of the country with "Catholic Schools in our Nation" as students prepared letters, cards, and donated goods for men and women in the armed forces.

Friday morning's emphasis was on "Catholic Schools in our Students" with MCS students participating in a road-side waving in the morning, followed by field activities and demonstrations.

MCS concluded CSW 2013 on Friday night, highlighting "Catholic Schools in our Families" with the school's signature CSW event, Family Night. Held on the school grounds beginning at 6pm, Family Night featured dinner, entertainment, and the announcement of the prestigious 2013 Distinguished Graduate of the Year Award.

The celebration of Catholic Schools Week began as an annual event in 1974. (PR)



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Fr. Charlie Borja, administration, faculty, students, and parents of Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja pose for a souvenir photo after the Mass celebration to kick off Catholic Schools Week 2013.

Rota school highlights benefits of Catholic education

Every January, Catholic schools around the country take a week to celebrate the accomplishments of their students, faculty and community during Catholic Schools Week. Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja was no different.

Catholic Schools Week is most popularly known for all its fun activities but at Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja, it is also a celebration of a special community. The strengths of a Catholic education celebrates how it has influenced a small community like Luta.

Like many Catholic schools nationwide, Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja celebrated the week with daily and fun activities scheduled for students, faculty, and parents to enjoy. The celebration gave the parents and the students a nice reminder that we are a Catholic, private school, focusing on the mixture of faith and academics. The faith, family, and

community components complement the school's challenging academics.

The theme for this year was "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards." The goal of Catholic Schools Week is to promote the academic excellence and Catholic identity of Catholic schools in the U.S. and other countries.

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja represents an investment in Luta's future leaders, and the sacrifices made by Catholic school parents. Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja teaches all the things that make the Luta community the great place it is: high standards, moral values, personal responsibility and civic duty.

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja Catholic Schools Week events kicked off with a Mass on Jan. 27 at the San Francisco de Borja Church; Jan. 28, Environmental Awareness and Reading Circle; Jan. 29, Academic Challenge

Bowl and Talent Show-Singing and Dancing; Jan. 30, Forestry Presentation and tree planting; Jan. 31, Water & Boating Safety Activities; and on Feb. 1, to culminate Catholic Schools Week, Let's Move Marianas presentation.

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja administration, faculty, and students would like to extend their appreciation to all donors, benefactors, ESFDB board of directors, ESFDB Parent Teacher Association, parents, guardians, Rev. Fr. Charlie Borja, Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola and his wife Estrella Mendiola, Office of the Mayor of Rota staff, Rota Department of Public Safety, Rota Department of Natural Lands & Resources, and Commonwealth Health Corp.'s Division of Public Health Project Brabu and Non-Communicable Disease/Let's Move Marianas. (PR)



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Mount Carmel School students plant trees at the Guma Hustisia on Monday as part of the celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2013.

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja students recently participated in a poster and essay contest as part of the celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2013. The theme "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards" was used for the event.

"This was a chance for the students to showcase their talents in drawing and essay writing, and also show appreciation to the many people who make up the school and the Luta community," stated ESFDB board president Edward Maratita Jr.

First to third grade students participated in the poster contest while the fifth to seventh grade joined the essay contest.

The winners for the poster contest were Marvin DLC Clitar, first place; Randy Jesse Taisacan, second place; and Althea Mendiola, third place. All

ESFDB names winners of essay, poster making contests



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ESFDB Catholic Schools Week Poster Contest winners, from left, Randy Jesse Taisacan, Althea Mendiola, and Marvin Clitar.



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ESFDB Catholic Schools Week Essay Contest winners, from left, Metka Mendiola, Loreville Clitar, and Angelica Lucero.

three students are 3rd graders.

The winners for the essay contest were Metka Mendiola, first place; Loreville Clitar, second place; and Angelica Lucero, third place. All three students are 7th graders.

Congratulations to the winners and the participants of the poster and essay contest.

The event was sponsored by the Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja board of directors. The cash prizes were donated by the board of directors and the Pacific Regional Training Institute Management and staff of Guam.

The administration, faculty, and staff would like to extend their appreciation to the school's board of directors and Pacific Regional Training Institute for their generous donations and sponsorship. (PR)

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Can't make this up

Who says magical realism is dead? In Latin America, where that form of imaginative literature was born, the absurd is the stuff of everyday headlines. Events that defy belief are just another aspect of the daily routine of life in the region. Or, to put it another way, you can't make this stuff up.

VENEZUELA

What if they held a presidential inauguration and everybody showed up—except the president? That's more or less what took place in Caracas earlier this year, as excited crowds of adoring followers jammed the streets to celebrate the start of a new six-year term for President Hugo Chavez, the man who wasn't there.

Venezuela's constitution mandates that the president take the oath of office within a set period after the election. But since Mr. Chavez lies gravely ill in Havana after yet another round of cancer surgery, he couldn't make it to the January 10 inauguration.

No worries. When the legislature and the courts are in your pocket and your toadying syncophants control the machinery of government, anything is possible.

The Supreme Court ruled that Mr. Chavez, 58, may stay out of the country "indefinitely" and can be sworn in whenever he recovers. If he recovers, that is. Until then, Venezuela will remain in limbo, with its elected leader incapacitated and governance in a state of suspended animation.

Other countries in the region that claim to champion democracy should pressure Venezuela to change course and adhere to the Constitution. But these days, to judge from events, there are no real champions of democracy anywhere in sight.

CUBA

As if to prove the point, Cuba's despotic Raul Castro was sworn in this week as president of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, a group that pays lip service to human rights and democracy.

Castro claimed this "honor" because it was Cuba's turn at the helm, but that makes this event no less preposterous. The tyrannical Castro brothers possess the worst human rights record in Latin America and should be deemed outcasts in any organization truly dedicated to human rights and freedom. This makes as much sense as making Lance Armstrong a poster boy for drug-free sports.

ARGENTINA

But maybe the height of absurdity came when Argentina announced that it had reached a deal with Iran to jointly investigate the 1994 bombing of a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires.

The Iranian government has been widely suspected of being behind this terrorist action. Indeed, it has refused to comply with international arrest warrants for nine people Argentine prosecutors suspect in the attacks.

As some critics were quick to point out, this is like asking Hitler to investigate Kristallnacht or the Holocaust—or partnering with al-Qaida to investigate 9/11.

That's what makes all of these events a setback for the entire region. As long as some countries in Latin America indulge in political fantasies and others turn a blind eye to their machinations, Latin America will not be taken seriously, deprived of global leadership and forever mired in its long-standing and self-imposed solitude.

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The next steps in Afghanistan

Should the United States leave any troops in Afghanistan after 2014? Would that prevent the return of militant jihadis who could threaten nuclear-armed Pakistan next door?

With most or all U.S. forces set to leave Afghanistan by 2014, President Obama is considering a "zero option," which would mean relying on drone strikes and special forces to counter militants, while leaving overall security to shaky Afghan forces.

Is this the best approach, I asked Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, who, as U.S. commander in Afghanistan, presided over the U.S. troop "surge," but also led the Joint Special Operations Command in its fight against al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI). His account of his Iraq and Afghan roles, "My Share of the Task: A Memoir," has just been published.

"It's dangerous to view drone strikes as a strategy in itself," the general said firmly in a phone interview. "I fear it is a tempting approach that may be overweighted."

So what does he think the United States should do?

First some background. McChrystal's memoir gives a gripping account of the complex counterterrorism mission that killed AQI leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Yet, when he took command in Afghanistan, the general concluded that a counterterrorism strategy alone would not prevent the country's collapse; nor would it prevent militants from taking control of territory and terrorizing the people.

So McChrystal adopted a classic "counterinsurgency" approach (known as COIN), the concept promoted by Gen. David Petraeus in Iraq. McChrystal requested a surge of U.S. troops "as a bridge" to protect Afghans in key areas, in hopes of buying time for the training of Afghan forces and the strengthening of the Afghan government. "I thought it would work," the general said. "The real question was Afghans' confidence. It was all about their perceptions of impending abandonment."

In other words, if rural Afghans thought U.S. forces would have their back, they would have the courage to stand up to the Taliban—even as their own government developed the strength to protect them. McChrystal also believed it was critical to treat Afghans with respect, and to limit civilian casualties.

The book details the tensions that arose between McChrystal and the White House over how many "surge" troops should be dispatched (he wanted 40,000 and got 30,000), and over Obama's announcement that he would begin withdrawing surge forces in July 2011.

"I cited concerns that (the announcement) would give the Taliban a sense that if they survived until that date, they could prevail," the general writes. But he concluded that a surge of 30,000 was "something we could work with."

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Fast-forward. After the recent departure of the last surge troops, we can see that they stabilized certain areas of Afghanistan, but national and local Afghan government never kept their part of the bargain. Burdened by corruption, bereft of government services, Afghans once again fear pending abandonment by international forces. They have no certainty that their own security forces can protect them. And the Taliban is once again making serious inroads.

Meantime, McChrystal was fired by Obama in 2010 over a Rolling Stone article that quoted him and his staff as making critical remarks about White House officials.

COIN theory is now in disfavor. In an age of austerity, Obama has adopted a far more limited counterterrorism strategy, while promising to maintain a "strategic partnership" with Kabul.

Yet McChrystal still believes more is needed. "I still think the issue of (Afghan) confidence is crucial," he told me. "When President Obama talks about partnership ... the Afghan people have to believe there is some sinew to that—that we are a reliable ally."

If Afghans think Washington is committed to the partnership, McChrystal believes their army, now better trained, can hold together—with U.S. assistance in training, air support and logistics, and intelligence. Educated Afghans would be less likely to flee. The Taliban might be persuaded to make a political deal—with Pakistan more willing to facilitate such a deal.

On the other hand, if Obama goes for a "zero option" or a tiny, symbolic number of troops (rather than the 9,000-15,000 the military reportedly seeks), "it would be very difficult to convince Afghans there was a strategic partnership." U.S. diplomats would be hunkered down in Kabul. Afghan and Pakistani officials might become even more hostile to drone strikes.

"I became convinced (in Afghanistan) that counterterrorism is only effective if meshed with a wider strategy," McChrystal said. As for the use of drones, "It is a very limited approach that gives the illusion you are making progress because you are doing something."

When deciding if any troops should stay on in Afghanistan in 2014, White House officials would be wise to consider these concerns.

Sandy Hook pictures would change debate

“**T**he mutilated face of the victim was left untouched by morticians at the mother’s request. She said she wanted ‘all the world’ to witness the atrocity.”—*Jet Magazine, Sept. 15, 1955, on the open-casket funeral of 14-year-old Emmett Till.*

The wounds were “very devastating,” said Connecticut’s chief medical examiner, H. Wayne Carver II at the press conference following the Sandy Hook shootings in December.

The worst he had seen.

Pictures of the facial features of the dead children were shown to the families rather than allowing them to see their children right away.

First responders were traumatized and needed time off, which leaves one imagining the grisly scene that could so unravel those trained to work in traumatic scenes.

In the contentious debate over the banning of assault-style rifles, I think about what we have seen—pictures of the smiling faces of the Sandy Hook schoolchildren when they were alive and well; and what we have not seen—what a Bushmaster .223-caliber rifle does to the bodies of first-graders.

Finding descriptions of what a Bushmaster rifle does to the human body is a challenge. There was, however, this from the Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine—a 2006 study, the “Pathology of Gunshot Wounds”:

“Exit wounds from high-powered rifles may be large because of the high velocity and kinetic energy of rifle ammunition (Figure 5).

Stellate-shaped exit wounds, which in rifle wounds occur over soft tissue as well as over bony surfaces, are common and may resemble contact entrance wounds.”

We hear of their power and their destructive capabilities. We recoil in horror of what we imagine.

It’s been said that the mind can conjure up greater terror than what the eyes can actually see. That may or may not be true. Although I have imagined the trembling fear in the eyes and hearts of the young victims, and while I am moved by President Barack Obama’s hanging a painting from one of the victims in the private study of the Oval Office as a reminder in the fight for a ban against this particular weapon—I just don’t think it’s enough.

It’s not enough when the National Rifle Association and its supporters quickly shift from the shootings at Sandy Hook to their Second Amendment rights. It’s not enough because the further in time we move from that December slaughter, the more the faces of the victims will slowly fade for the public.

Already, the NRA and its supporters have moved on beyond the slaughter as if it were just another of the daily shootings in America. For the gun control advocates, it will be remembered with diminishing flickers.

Yes, Sandy Hook was a turning point, a watershed moment in the fight for some sensible gun control. But what is needed, as unthinkable as it may seem, is for some parent to step forward as Mamie Till did nearly 60 years ago when her 14-year-old son Emmett was brutally murdered in Mississippi.

Another great American tradition: foreign aid

Like the rest of America, I will be tuning in Sunday to watch Baltimore’s own Ravens play for the Vince Lombardi Trophy in Super Bowl XLVII. The Super Bowl has become a great American tradition. But there’s another tradition that demonstrates our nation’s finest values and doesn’t get nearly as much attention—and that’s the good we do around the world.

You only need to turn on the television briefly or glance at a newspaper to see why our engagement in the world is so critical to our nation’s security, economy and standing. Unfortunately, most Americans don’t realize what a good value our foreign assistance efforts are. Most would be surprised to learn that foreign aid amounts to only about 1 percent of the federal budget.

Let’s take a look at how cost effective our global development efforts are in light of something we all enjoy, the Super Bowl. Americans will eat about 200 million pounds of food on Sunday—more than a year’s worth of U.S. famine relief to Kenya. And for the cost of one of those entertaining, 30-second Super Bowl ads, we buy mosquito nets for 800,000 children at risk of malaria.

And Monday after the game, you may be one of the 7 million Americans who call in sick due to a little too much celebrating. However, let’s keep in mind there are 7 million Africans who are able to work and provide for their families that day because of U.S. efforts to eliminate and treat HIV/AIDS.

These facts should certainly not keep us from laughing at the funniest ads or eating a crab cake for each touchdown the Ravens score, but they do put into perspective just how little it takes to make a big difference.

The United States is inextricably linked with the rest of the world. From the Arab Spring to famine in Eastern Africa to natural disasters in Indonesia and Haiti, our national interests are at stake.

The national security challenges we face today are far more complex and nuanced than they once were. While our military stands ready to respond to threats we face, many of these challenges defy military solutions. We need to utilize our tools of development and diplomacy alongside defense to keep America truly safe.

The truth is, working to alleviate poverty, illiteracy and crippling illness is an essential building block for stable families and societies—and the more stable societies are, the less likely they are to succumb to extremism and terrorism. By addressing these very human needs, we address the roots of many of today’s security challenges. Preventing conflict before it occurs keeps our brave men and women in uniform out of harm’s way and saves the lives of innocent people in these countries.

From an economic perspective, 95 percent of consumers live outside of the United States. The fastest-growing markets are in the developing world, where half of our exports already go. Maryland exported nearly \$11 billion in goods and services in 2011, supporting one in five jobs in the state. Giving American businesses greater access to these markets is the key to growing our economy and creating jobs.

As our leaders in Washington work to resolve the fiscal questions before us, I encourage them to consider how effective and efficient our diplomatic and development programs are. For a tiny fraction of our budget, our international affairs

We should get immigration reform right

It’s heartening that Congress and President Obama are addressing comprehensive immigration reform, something that’s long overdue. But everyone involved needs to make sure that any legislation really moves us toward a better, fairer system.

Politicians must avoid the temptation to sign off on a bad deal just to be able to say they did something about immigration.

So what makes a good deal? Four principles are essential:

First, immigration reform absolutely must include a clear path to citizenship for hard-working individuals and families who came to this country to work, contribute and build a better life. Overwhelmingly, undocumented immigrants are people who have been working, paying taxes and building communities—to the extent that we’ve allowed them to. These folks are the American Dream incarnate, and we should not put so many obstacles in their way that their path to citizenship exists in name only.

Second, we should not create a group of second-class citizens through a guest-worker program. When immigrants come here in such a program, their lives are tied to their employer. If mistreated, they have virtually no ability to bargain, look for another job, or join a union—much less seek redress through our political system—making them easy targets for exploitation.

Third, we must make family reunification a priority. Current rules can force families in which just one partner is a U.S. citizen to separate for years, and it’s even harder for same-sex couples, who in most states cannot marry and whose marriages aren’t recognized by the federal government.

By ORSON AGUILAR
The Progressive Media Project

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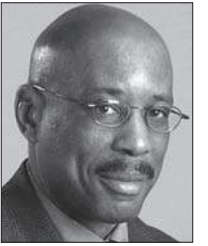


Fourth, companies that want more visas for highly skilled workers should be required to submit annual, comprehensive plans to Congress showing how they plan to expand opportunities for people who are already here, especially women, Americans from underserved communities, and returning military veterans.

Silicon Valley firms, in particular, want to import highly educated tech professionals from abroad, and they should be able to get the help they need. But this industry, which is notoriously lacking in diversity, should also find ways to open doorways to lucrative tech careers for people already living in this country who haven’t had the opportunities they need and deserve.

The politics of immigration reform will be tough, and the passions on all sides are high. But a fairer system—one that’s good for all Americans as well as those seeking to come here—really is possible.

By FRANK HARRIS III
The Hartford Courant



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She refused to let the nation regard it as another murder.

She refused to let the nation imagine the brutality that was done.

She refused to let the picture of a smiling boy taken the previous Christmas serve as the sole reminder.

She held an open-casket funeral and allowed no make-up to cover what was done.

She said she wanted the nation and the world to see just exactly the type of violence that was done.

The picture shocked the nation and galvanized a movement.

As the rhetoric over banning assault-style rifles revs up, it is important to show exactly what these weapons do. It is important to show what is at stake.

It would be shocking, sickening, disturbing and just about every other adjective one could possibly conceive to describe something horrendous as the slaughter of children.

But what we have not seen needs to be seen because sometimes the imagination is just not enough.

By CAROLYN WOO
The Baltimore Sun



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programs strengthen our security and economy, and demonstrate America’s values.

This Sunday, I will join millions of Americans in watching the Baltimore Ravens take on the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XLVII. My money’s on Joe Flacco and the Ravens for the win—and on America’s global leadership for a better, safer world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rota paved roads need repair

For many years now, our roads on the island needs to be repaired due to deep potholes as well as bumps. This is an important matter as it can cause accidents. The paved roads here on Rota are no longer safe. There should be an alternative as to where and how to get funding to repair the island’s roads, not only for the safety of the motorists but also for our visitors and tourists coming to the island. At this moment, we all are suffering with the economy at a slow pace. It would be appreciated if our leaders can make this matter one of their priorities and include this as they appropriate funding. I understand that the government has limited funding but there are lots of ways to get this straightened. This is a concern for all the residents and community on the island of Rota.

Abigail Manglona
Songsong, Rota

Guilty or not guilty

In my opinion I believe that Gov. Benigno Fitial has done what he has for the good of the people even if it has brought our economy to a downfall.

He has tried his best to help our economy but has failed in his duty. I cannot blame the governor because of the economic crisis around the world. The House of Representatives has already decided to impeach him because of what he has allegedly done. I haven’t decided whether Mr. Fitial is guilty or not. I depend on the Senate and the Legislature’s decision on this impeachment whether he is guilty or not.

Teodora G. Misa
Lower Navy Hill, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲85° ▼75°	▲85° ▼75°	▲86° ▼75°	▲86° ▼76°	▲86° ▼76°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼77
Palau	Showers	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲85 ▼80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼80
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼80
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼80

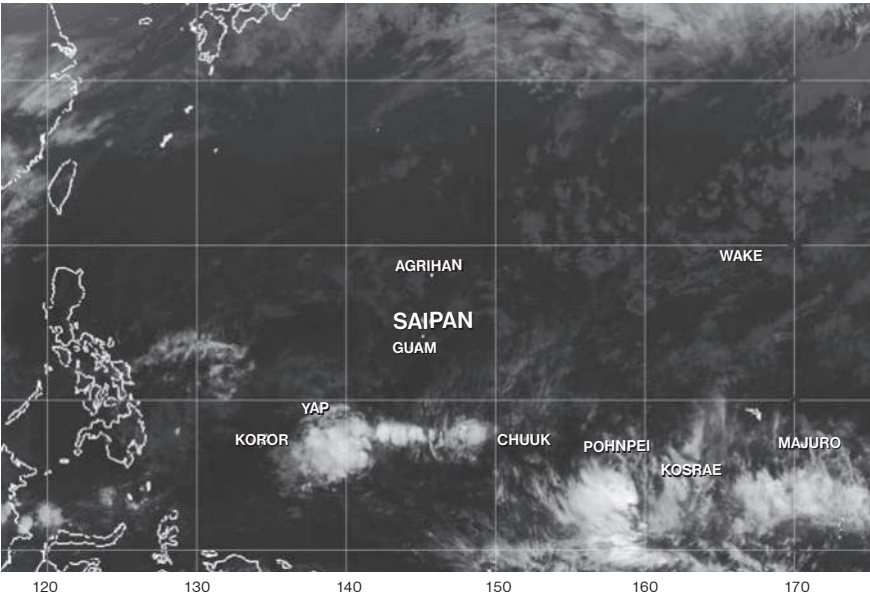
Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲71 ▼59
Beijing	Sunny	▲35 ▼11
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼68
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼69
London	Showers	▲43 ▼34
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼48
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲93 ▼60
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲76 ▼61
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲33 ▼28
Osaka	Showers	▲46 ▼38
Paris	Showers	▲43 ▼35
Pusan	Showers	▲47 ▼29
Rome	Showers	▲52 ▼37
Salem	Showers	▲48 ▼42
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲57 ▼45
Seoul	Snow	▲34 ▼11
Tokyo	Showers	▲41 ▼36
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲40 ▼32

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
3:47 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet	
8:21 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet	
2:04 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet	
9:51 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A shear line extends west-southwestward from south of Midway at 15N180 to just north of Chuuk at 8N152E to finally end southeast of Koror near 6N137E. Cloudiness and showers are found along and up to 350 miles north of this boundary. A surface trough extends northward from south of Koror at 2N136E to 6N138E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen east of Koror and south of Yap or between 4N and 8N from 136E to 142E. A tropical disturbance is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Pohnpei between the equator and 5N from 155E to 161E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Kwajalein and Majuro within 130 miles of a line from 3N162E to 4N170E to 2N178E. This area includes Kosrae, Butaritari and Tarawa.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:45 AM	6:17 PM
Wednesday	6:45 AM	6:17 PM
Thursday	6:45 AM	6:18 PM
Friday	6:44 AM	6:18 PM
Saturday	6:44 AM	6:19 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:31 AM	1:12 PM
Wednesday	2:32 AM	2:11 PM
Thursday	3:32 AM	3:13 PM
Friday	4:30 AM	4:15 PM
Saturday	5:24 AM	5:16 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:40am	5:30am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily
UA5074	11:10am	12:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
DL285	6:35am	9:15am	1, 5, 7
DL297	4:25pm	7:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 6, 7
OZ608	3:30am	6:40am	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU7108	3:50am	7:40am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)			
XF1734	11:55am	5:10pm	5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5070/191	4:35am	10:00am	6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:40am	10:00am	3
DL287/173	6:00am	10:25pm	Daily via NRT
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN
UA5072/PR111	9:45pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	10:30pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:05am	7:55am	Daily
UA5073	9:50am	10:40am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5062	3:35am	4:10am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:55am	11:30am	6
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL286	7:40pm	12:15am+1	4, 6, 7
DL288	8:40pm	1:15am+1	Daily
OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 5, 6
OZ607	9:35pm	2:25am+1	2
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU7107	7:40pm	2:50am+1	4, 7
GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1733	8:00pm	12:05am+1	4
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
DL172/288	8:05am	1:15am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:30pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5072	10:15pm	7:55am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:55pm	7:55am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:59pm	7:55am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:15pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	11:25pm	10:40am+1	1 via GUM
UA180/5077	11:25pm	6:25pm+1	5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Business

AP Exclusive: 787 grounded, but batteries can fly

WASHINGTON (AP)—At the same time the government certified Boeing's 787 Dreamliners as safe, federal rules barred the type of batteries used to power the airliner's electrical systems from being carried as cargo on passenger planes because of the fire risk.

Now the situation is reversed.

Dreamliners worldwide were grounded nearly three weeks ago after lithium ion batteries that are part of the planes led to a fire in one plane and smoke in a second. But new rules exempt aircraft batteries from the ban on large lithium ion batteries as cargo on flights by passenger planes.

In effect, that means the Dreamliner's batteries are now allowed to fly only if they're not attached to a Dreamliner.

The regulations were published on Jan. 7, the same day as a battery fire in a Japan Airlines 787 parked at Boston's Logan International Airport that took firefighters nearly 40 minutes to put out. The timing of the two events appears coincidental.

Pilots and safety advocates say the situation doesn't make sense. If the 787's battery system is too risky to allow the planes to fly, then it's too risky to ship the same batteries as cargo on airliners, they said.

"These incidents have raised the whole issue of lithium bat-

In this Feb. 3, 2011, file photo, Boeings' new 787 Dreamliner takes off from Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston.

AP



teries and their use in aviation," said Jim Hall, a former National Transportation Safety Board chairman. "Any transport of lithium batteries on commercial aircraft for any purpose should be suspended until (an) NTSB investigation is complete and we know more about this entire issue."

Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, a former US Airways pilot famed for his precision flying that enabled passengers and crew to survive an emergency landing on the Hudson River in New York, said in an interview that he wouldn't be comfortable flying an airliner that carried lithium ion aircraft batteries in

its cargo hold.

"The potential for self-ignition, for uncontained fires, is huge," he said. The new regulations "need to be looked at very hard in the cold light of day, particularly with what has happened with the 787 batteries."

The battery rules were changed in order to conform

U.S. shipping requirements with international standards as required by Congress, the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration said in a statement.

The International Civil Aviation Organization, a U.N. agency that sets global aviation standards, adopted the aircraft

battery cargo exemption in October 2011, and it went into effect Jan. 1. The organization's standards normally aren't binding. But a provision inserted into U.S. law at the behest of the battery industry and their shippers says the rules can't be stricter than the U.N. agency's standards.

Previously, U.S. regulations prohibited the shipment of lithium ion batteries on passenger planes in packages weighing more than 11 pounds, although heavier batteries could be shipped on cargo planes.

The new rules allow the shipment of lithium ion batteries weighing as much as 77 pounds, but only if they are aircraft batteries. Shipments of other lithium ion batteries greater than 11 pounds are still prohibited. The 787's two batteries weigh 63 pounds each. It's the first airliner to make extensive use of lithium ion batteries, which weigh less and store more power than other batteries of a similar size.

The aircraft battery exemption was created for the convenience of the airline industry, which wants to be able to quickly ship replacement batteries to planes whose batteries are depleted or have failed. Sometimes it's faster to do that using a passenger plane.

Proposed agreement squashes US, Mexico tomato war

WASHINGTON (AP)—A proposed agreement on fresh tomatoes imported from Mexico would strengthen anti-dumping enforcement and reset minimum wholesale prices, the Commerce Department said.

The agreement with Mexico's tomato industry would suspend an investigation initiated after Florida tomato growers complained that Mexican producers were selling fresh tomatoes for less than the production cost.

The proposal would replace a pact that's been in place for 16 years. The Commerce Department on Saturday released a draft of the agreement for

public comment.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack says it would allow the U.S. tomato industry "to compete on a level playing field."

U.S. tomato growers are tentatively backing the proposal. Edward Beckman, president of Certified Greenhouse Farmers, said the new agreement must address pricing, coverage and enforcement of trade laws.

"We believe that the Department of Commerce and Mexico have struck a deal that meets those three tests, and we're hopeful and optimistic that we'll be able to compete under fair trade conditions," Beck-

man said in a statement released Sunday. "Much work remains to have the agreement fully and faithfully implemented, and continuous monitoring and enforcement will be critical."

Florida produces much of the nation's winter tomato supply, and Florida growers were asking the Commerce Department to end the fresh tomato importation trade agreement. The Florida growers claimed their Mexican counterparts have been "dumping"—selling for less than the cost of production—their product in the U.S., driving down prices and costing jobs. The growers' complaint

had the support of farmworker representatives.

The impact of the agreement on consumers was unknown, but an Arizona-based trade association, which sponsored a pricing study, warned that if Mexican tomatoes withdrew from the U.S. market, the prices for some hothouse tomatoes would double from \$2.50 a pound to nearly \$5.

Mexico's economic secretary commended his country's tomato growers on the proposed settlement in a tweet Sunday.

"Congratulations to Mexican tomato producers for the agreement reached and the suspen-

sion of the U.S. government antidumping investigation," was the statement on the Twitter account of Mexican Economy

Secretary Ildefonso Guajardo.

U.S.-produced fresh and processed tomatoes account for more than \$2 billion in cash receipts. Mexico's tomato trade with the U.S. was worth more than \$1.8 billion in 2011.

Berlusconi: if I win, Italians get home tax back

ROME (AP)—Media mogul Silvio Berlusconi on Sunday promised Italians that if they vote him back into office, he will abolish an unpopular tax on primary residences and refund property taxes Premier Mario Monti's government made them pay in 2012 as a key austerity measure to rescue the country from the eurozone debt crisis.

Berlusconi abolished the tax in 2008, when he was elected for a third term as premier, to fulfill a campaign promise. But the tax was immediately

revived when Monti, an economist and former European Union commissioner, replaced him in 2011 as Italy sunk deeper into the debt crisis.

Berlusconi is a 76-year-old populist trying for a political comeback despite a recent criminal conviction for tax fraud and other judicial woes, including a trial in which he is charged with paying for sex with an underage teenage girl. He claims he is the innocent victim of prosecutors he contends sympathize with the left.

He told a gathering of ap-

plauding supporters in Milan that the property tax so spooked Italians that they cut back on buying consumer goods, and quit investing, aggravating the economic crisis in recession-mired Italy.

"This tax caused Italian families worry, anxiety, fear of the future," Berlusconi said, contending that tax so depressed the real estate market that 360,000 people become unemployed, including bricklayers, artisans, locksmiths and electricians.

He insisted the revenue lost

by reimbursing homeowners the (EURO)4 billion (\$5.4 billion) they paid in property taxes could be compensated by eliminating state financing for political parties, raising taxes on non-essential goods like cigarettes and lottery tickets, and taxing Italians' financial instruments' income in Switzerland.

Cost-cutting measures to compensate the lost revenue would also include halving the number of legislators, a proposed reform that has gone nowhere including during Berlusconi's tenure in the premier's office.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FAA mandates safety checks for older Piper planes

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Aviation Administration is requiring inspections on tens of thousands of older model Piper airplanes to check cables that control tail surfaces. The FAA is posting a directive in Monday's Federal Register, prompted by reports of failures in the cable assembly which direct a plane's nose. The rule requires inspections and parts replacement as needed, to correct what the FAA calls an "unsafe condition." The requirement applies to certain Piper aircraft that are more than 15 years old.

Obama seeks closed loopholes, 'smart' reductions

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama says the U.S. can reduce its budget deficit by closing tax loopholes and making "smart" reductions in spending. Obama says closing tax loopholes should enable the U.S. to "continue to fund things that can help us grow" without raising tax rates again. In an interview on CBS a few hours before the Super Bowl, the president said he wants the tax system to be "fair and transparent," noting that the average taxpayer can't take advantage of things like offshore tax havens.

Barclays' finance director stepping down

LONDON (AP)—Finance director Chris Lucas and a senior legal adviser are stepping down from scandal-hit British bank Barclays, it said Sunday. Barclays said Lucas and general counsel Mark Harding will leave once successors have been found. The bank said in a statement that given the men's seniority, that could take "a considerable time." Lucas did not disclose reasons for his departure, but said his six-year stint as group finance director had occurred during "the most eventful period during which anyone could have occupied a role such as mine."

Nation

Obama says Boy Scouts should allow gays as members

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama said Sunday that gays should be allowed in the Boy Scouts and women should be allowed in military combat roles, weighing in on two storied American institutions facing proposals to end long-held exclusions.

The president's comments in a pre-Super Bowl interview on CBS come ahead of this week's meeting of the Boy Scouts' national executive board. A proposal to open up the Scouts' membership to gays is expected to be discussed and possibly voted on at the gathering in Texas.

The Boy Scouts emphatically reaffirmed the no-gays policy just seven months ago, but announced last week they were considering changing the stance. Instead of mandatory exclusion of gays, the different religious and civic groups that sponsor Scout units would be able to decide for themselves how to address the issue—either maintaining the exclusion or opening up their membership.

The White House said in a statement last August that Obama opposed the gay ban. Obama, like presidents for the last century, serves as honorary president of the group. The president's comment Sunday was his first since the group announced it was considering a policy change.

"My attitude is that gays and lesbians should have access and opportunity the same way everybody else does in every institution and walk of life," Obama said. "The Scouts are a great institution that are promoting young people and exposing them to opportunities and leadership that will serve people for the rest of their lives. And I think nobody should be barred from that."

Obama also had previously issued a statement supporting the Pentagon's decision last

month to open up front-line combat jobs to women, but the interview with CBS' Scott Pelley included his first publicly spoken comments on the matter since the announcement. He said women are already

serving in combat "as a practical matter."

"When they're in theater in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, they are vulnerable," he said. "They are wounded, and they've been killed. And they

have carried out their jobs with extraordinary patriotism and distinction."

The policy change overturns a 1994 rule prohibiting women from being assigned to smaller ground combat units, and is

expected to open up more than 230,000 combat positions that have been off limits to women.

Obama said he meets "extraordinary women in uniform who can do everything that a man can and more." He gave the example of one of his military aides, who he estimated is only about 5 feet

tall and 100 pounds.

"You put a 50-pound pack on her, and she can do things that you or me would keel over doing. And so the truth is that women are serving. They are taking great risks. What we should not do is somehow prevent them from advancing in an institution that we all revere."



In this Feb. 2, 2013 file photo, Boy Scouts recite the Scout Oath during the annual Boy Scouts Parade and Report to State in the House Chambers at the Texas capitol, in Austin, Texas.

Iraq War vet charged in fatal shooting of ex-SEAL

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP)—An Iraq War veteran charged with murdering former Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle and a friend turned a gun on the pair while they were at a Texas shooting range, authorities said Sunday.

Eddie Ray Routh, of Lancaster, was arraigned early Sunday in the deaths of Kyle, who wrote the best-selling book "American Sniper," and Chad Littlefield, 35. They were killed at a shooting range at Rough Creek



Kyle

he turned the gun on both of them, killing them," Cox said.

Capt. Jason Upshaw with the Erath County Sheriff's Office said Routh had not made any comments that might indicate a motive. "I don't know that we'll ever know. He's the only one that knows that," Upshaw said.

Sheriff Tommy Bryant said Routh was unemployed and "may have been suffering from some type of mental illness from being in the military himself."

Bryant didn't know whether Routh was on any medication or had been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Routh was being held on one charge of capital murder and two charges of murder.

Upshaw said officials believe Routh used a semi-automatic handgun, which authorities later found at his home. Upshaw said ballistics tests weren't complete Sunday, but authorities believe it was the gun used in the shootings. Upshaw declined to give any more details about the gun.

NRA likens universal checks to gun registry

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Rifle Association's executive vice president continued to oppose background checks for all gun purchases despite polls indicating that most NRA members don't share his position.

The NRA's Wayne LaPierre said on "Fox News Sunday" that background checks for all gun purchases would lead to a national registry of gun owners. Critics say such a registry could lead to taxes on guns or to confiscation.

Mark Kelly, a gun owner and husband of Gabrielle Giffords, the former Arizona congresswoman who survived a 2011 shooting, asked LaPierre to listen to his members. He said the current system prevented 1.7 million gun purchases since

1999. However, those potential buyers had other options because many gun sales don't require a background check.

"Members of the NRA tend to be very reasonable on this issue," Kelly said, who also appeared on the Fox show.

As Congress responds to the spate of mass shootings in recent years, most notably the December massacre of 20 children and six adults in a school in Newtown, Conn., some are calling for a ban on certain semi-automatic weapons and on high-capacity ammunition magazines. However, calls for expanding background checks appear to have gained the most bipartisan support.

LaPierre said that requiring checks for all gun pur-

chases would be a bureaucratic nightmare.

"It's going to affect only the law-abiding people," he said. "Criminals could care less."

LaPierre was pressed about his contention that gun checks would lead to a national registry, when no one from the Obama administration is calling for that.

"And Obamacare wasn't a tax until they needed it to be a tax," LaPierre said.

Kelly and LaPierre agreed on one point: More people seeking to buy guns illegally should be prosecuted.

"They should be prosecuted and there should be stiff penalties," Kelly said.

A key player in the coming gun debate in Congress, Sen-

ate Majority Leader Harry Reid, said on ABC's "This Week" that he's willing to take a look at legislation that would ban certain semi-automatic weapons, but he also noted that he voted against a ban on such weapons in 1994 because it "didn't make sense."

He was more definitive on the issue of background checks, saying "everyone acknowledges we should do something with background checks."

Reid said his goal is for the Judiciary Committee to report out a gun bill. Senators could subsequently seek amendments on the Senate floor. That way, if the bill didn't contain certain provisions, such as the ban on certain weapons, then sponsors would at least get a vote on their proposal and lawmakers would have to go on the record about where they stand.

Tour bus overturns east of LA, multiple deaths

YUCAIPA, Calif. (AP)—A tour bus overturned Sunday on a rural desert highway in Southern California, killing multiple people, a fire department spokesman said. San Bernardino County fire spokesman Eric Sherwin said the bus overturned at about 6:30 p.m. Sunday night near the town of Forest Falls, which is about 80 miles east of Los Angeles. Sherwin said 27 patients have been treated at the scene, but it is not clear how many have been killed. He says the injuries range from minor to life-threatening. The bus crashed on Highway 38. The San Bernardino Sun reported that at least seven ambulances were called to the scene, and numerous calls began flooding the California Highway Patrol and

San Bernardino County fire dispatch lines soon after the crash.

Archbishop letter on sex abuse read at LA churches

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Roman Catholic parishioners in the Los Angeles area heard a letter from Archbishop Jose Gomez in which he described newly released files on clergy sex abuse as "terribly sad and evil." Church leaders read the archbishop's words at Sunday Mass across the Los Angeles Archdiocese, which extends into Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, the Los Angeles Times reported. The letter, addressed to "My brothers and sisters in Christ," was made public last week. Gomez said the church needs to acknowledge the "terrible failure" of its handling of abuse cases.

ACROSS THE NATION

Asia

SKorea, US begin drills amid NKorea nuclear threat

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean and U.S. troops began naval drills Monday in a show of force partly directed at North Korea amid signs that Pyongyang will soon carry out a threat to conduct its third atomic test.

The region is also seeing a boost in diplomatic activity focused on North Korea's announcement last month that it will conduct a nuclear test to protest international sanctions toughened over Pyongyang's long-range rocket launch in December.

Pyongyang's two previous nuclear tests, in 2006 and 2009, both occurred after it was slapped with increased sanctions for similar rocket launches. The U.S., South Korea and other countries have urged North Korea to scrap its nuclear test plans or face grave consequences. North Korea's state media said Sunday that at a high-level Workers' Party meeting, leader Kim Jong Un issued "important" guidelines meant to bolster the army and protect national sovereignty. North Korea didn't elaborate, but Kim's guidelines likely refer to a nuclear test and suggest that Pyongyang appears to have completed formal pro-

cedural steps and is preparing to conduct a nuclear test soon, according to South Korean analyst Hong Hyun-ik.

"We assess that North Korea has almost finished preparations for conducting a nuclear test anytime and all that's left is North Korea making a political decision" to do so, Defense Ministry spokesman Kim Min-seok told reporters Monday.

The spokesman said he couldn't disclose further details because they would involve confidential intelligence affairs. Recent satellite photos showed North Korea may have been sealing the tunnel into a mountainside where a nuclear device could be exploded.

Meanwhile, diplomats are meeting to find ways to persuade North Korea to scrap its nuclear test plans. New U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his South Korean counterpart Kim Sung-hwan held a telephone conversation Sunday night and agreed to sternly deal with any possible nuclear provocation by North Korea, according to Seoul's Foreign Ministry.

South Korea on Sunday also sent its top nuclear negotiator to China, the North's main ally and aid benefactor, for talks, the

ministry said in a statement.

North Korea says U.S. hostility and the threat of American troops in South Korea are important reasons behind its nuclear drive. The U.S. stations about 28,500 troops in South Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

North Korea also says it has the sovereign right to launch

rockets to send satellites into orbit under a space development program; the U.S. says the December launch was a disguised test of banned missile technology.

On Monday, South Korean and U.S. militaries kicked off three-day exercises off the Korean Peninsula's east coast that involve live-fire exercises, naval maneuvers and submarine

detection drills.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the maneuvers are part of regular joint military training that the allies had scheduled before the latest nuclear tensions began. But the training, which involves a nuclear-powered American submarine, could still send a warning against possible North Korean provocation, a South Korean military official

said, requesting anonymity because of department rules.

North Korean state media on Saturday described the drills as a joint exercise for a pre-emptive attack on the country. North Korea has said similar things when South Korea and the U.S. conducted other drills; the allies have repeatedly said they have no intention of attacking the North.



A man looks at North Korea from the unification observation post near the border village of the Panmunjom (DMZ) that separates the two Koreas since the Korean War, in Paju, north of Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013. AP

BUSINESS BRIEFS

21 killed in clash of Filipino extremists, rebels

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf militants clashed fiercely with a larger rebel group they had long coexisted with, leaving at least 21 combatants dead in the southern Philippines, police said Monday. A commander with the Moro National Liberation Front, which has an autonomy deal with the government, said his group battled Abu Sayyaf gunmen Sunday after the Abu Sayyaf refused to free several foreign hostages it has held in jungle lairs for months, including a Jordanian TV journalist and two European men. The militants did release two Filipino hostages who were found by police Saturday. Eight Moro rebels and at least 13 Abu Sayyaf militants were killed in the clashes in the jungle-clad mountains of Sulu province's Patikul town, where hundreds of armed fighters of the Moro National Liberation Front have encamped in the last three weeks to pressure the extremists to free their kidnap victims and end other acts of banditry.

Japan frees Chinese boat in illegal fishing arrest

TOKYO (AP)—The Japanese Coast Guard has released the captain and crew of a Chinese boat who was arrested for ille-

gal fishing southwest of islands claimed by both countries. Coast Guard official Yasuhiko Oku said the captain and 12 crewmembers of the 100-ton boat were released Sunday after the Chinese Consulate in Fukuoka guaranteed payment of a 4 million yen (\$44,000) bail. Oku said that the captain admitted he was inside Japanese exclusive economic waters off Miyako Island on Saturday.

Kabul police arrest 6 suspected suicide bombers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghan police on Sunday arrested six men and seized suicide vests, assault rifles and more than 50 hand grenades during a raid on a residential building in central Kabul, senior officials said. Kabul Police Chief Gen. Mohammad Ayub Salangi said an investigation was under way to determine the identities of the men he described as "terrorists" and what they were planning to attack. The raid comes as British Prime Minister David Cameron meets in London with the presidents of Afghanistan and Pakistan to discuss prospects for peace talks with the Taliban. Cameron initiated the meetings with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari last year to boost cooperation among the countries and promote regional stability.

Taliban peace talks flounder as troops draw down

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The Afghan peace effort is floundering, fraught with mistrust and confusion among key players even though the hard-line Taliban militants show signs of softening and their reclusive, one-eyed leader made a surprise offer to share power in a post-war Afghanistan.

The U.S. and its allies hope the peace process, which began nearly two years ago, will gain traction before most international forces withdraw from the country in fewer than 23 months. But although the Taliban appear more ready to talk than ever before, peace talks remain elusive be-

cause of infighting among a rising number of interlocutors—all trying to get some kind of negotiations started.

Members of the Taliban are in contact with representatives from 30 to 40 different countries, according to senior U.S., Afghan and other officials. The Associated Press interviewed in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Moreover, the relationship among the key players—the U.S., Afghanistan and Pakistan—is marked by distrust that keeps tugging momentum away from the peace process.

Many of the officials spoke on condition of anonymity be-

cause they were not authorized to speak publicly about the sensitive contacts with the Taliban.

Finding a path to the negotiating table will be a topic when Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Pakistan President Asif Zardari hold a series of meetings beginning Monday with British Prime Minister David Cameron. The meetings in London come amid fresh tensions between Kabul and its western allies.

Karzai recently warned the West not to use peace talks as a lever against his government. As well, both Kabul and Washington are frustrated that Pakistan is not monitoring the

whereabouts and activities of Taliban prisoners it released in recent months. Miffed by the criticism, Pakistan says it freed the prisoners at the request of the Afghan government and doesn't have the resources to keep tabs on them. No one in either Pakistan or Afghanistan seems to know where the dozens of released prisoners have gone. Last week, the Taliban issued a statement by freed former Taliban Justice Minister Mullah Nooruddin Turabi on behalf of all the prisoners—an indication that at least some might have rejoined the ranks of the insurgency.

China bars Uighur scholar from traveling to the US

BEIJING (AP)—A prominent scholar from China's Turkic Uighur ethnic minority said Sunday he was detained for more than 12 hours at Beijing's airport and then sent home when attempting to board a flight to the U.S., the latest in a series of apparent punishments in retaliation for his criticism of ruling Communist Party policies.

Ilham Tohti said he was planning to take up a year-long fellowship at Indiana University when he was prevented from leaving the country on Saturday. He said he was inter-

rogated from 8:45 a.m. until after 9:00 p.m. by three separate groups of officers, none of whom gave him any reason why he was being detained.

For the first 10 hours, officers refused to allow him to use the bathroom or provide food and water, Tohti said in an interview. However, they did allow his 18-year-old daughter, who was traveling with him, to board their flight, a move Tohti said was likely an oversight on behalf of the policewoman in charge.

"They had no reason to

doubt me, no reason to detain, no reason to deprive a lawful citizen of his right to travel," Tohti said. "I strongly condemn their brutal, barbaric behavior and will continue to pursue my right to travel."

Police and customs agents at the airport said they had no information about the case.

A Beijing-based economist, Tohti has been barred from traveling and placed under house arrest numerous times in the wake of deadly ethnic rioting in the capital of the Uighur ethnic homeland of Xinjiang in 2009

that sparked a nationwide crackdown on Uighur activists.

Muslim Uighurs, who are ethnically, culturally, religiously, and linguistically distinct from China's Han majority, have long chafed under heavy-handed communist rule. Many Uighurs allege frequent discrimination, including travel restrictions and an inability to obtain passports, and also resent the presence and relative prosperity of Han migrants who have flooded into Xinjiang since the Communist revolution in 1949.

World

Israel suggests responsibility for Syria airstrike

MUNICH (AP)—Israel's defense minister strongly signaled Sunday that his country was behind an airstrike in Syria last week, telling a high profile security conference that Israeli threats to take pre-emptive action against its enemies are not empty. "We mean it," Ehud Barak declared.

Israel has not officially confirmed its planes attacked a site near Damascus, targeting ground-to-air missiles apparently heading for Lebanon, but its intentions have been beyond dispute. During the 22 months of civil war in Syria, Israeli leaders have repeatedly expressed concern that high-end weapons could fall into the hands of enemy Hezbollah, the powerful Lebanese militants.

For years, Israel has been charging that Syrian President Bashar Assad and Iran have been arming Hezbollah, which fought a monthlong war against Israel in 2006.

U.S. officials say the target was a convoy of sophisticated Russian SA-17 anti-aircraft missiles. Deployed in Lebanon, they could have limited Israel's ability to gather intelligence on its enemies from the air.

Over the weekend, Syrian TV broadcast video of the Wednesday attack site for the first time, showing destroyed vehicles and a damaged building identified as a scientific research center. The U.S. officials said the airstrike hit both the building and the convoy.

Turkey, which seeks the ouster of Assad and supports the opposition that is fighting against his regime, harshly criticized Israel regarding the airstrike in Syria. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Sunday that Israel engaged in "state terror" and he suggested that its allies have nurtured wrongdoing on the part of the Jewish state.

"Those who have from the very beginning looked in the wrong direction and who have nourished and raised Israel like a spoiled child should always expect such things from Israel," Turkey's Hurriyet Daily News quoted Erdogan as saying.

Erdogan, who also criticized Iran for supporting Syria, is a frequent critic of Israel, a former ally of Turkey. Re-

Missiles were targeted

A convoy of anti-aircraft missiles were targeted by Israeli aircraft before they could be moved across the border with Lebanon, according to Israeli intelligence



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Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak gestures during a meeting at the Security Conference in Munich, southern Germany, on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013.

lations hit a low in 2010 when Israeli troops raided a Gaza-bound Turkish aid ship, and nine activists on board were killed. Both sides accused each other of initiating the violence.

In his comments Sunday in Munich, Barak came close to confirming that his country was behind the airstrike.

"I cannot add anything to what you have read in the newspapers about what happened in Syria several days ago," Barak told the gathering of top diplomats and defense officials from around the world.

Then he went on to say, "I keep telling frankly that we said—and that's proof when we said something we mean it—we say that we don't think it should be allowed to bring advanced weapons systems into Lebanon." He spoke in heavily accented English.

Iran positive but noncommittal about talks with US

MUNICH (AP)—Iran's foreign minister on Sunday welcomed the United States' willingness to hold direct talks with Tehran in the standoff over its nuclear program but didn't commit to accepting the offer—insisting that Washington must show "fair and real" intentions to resolve the issue and complaining about "threatening rhetoric."

Ali Akbar Salehi insisted that no Iranian "red line" is getting in the way of direct negotiations with Washington, but also pointed to deep mistrust between the two countries.

Salehi was speaking at the same international security conference where Vice President Joe Biden on Saturday said the United States was prepared to talk directly to Iran. Biden insisted that Tehran must show it is serious and that Washington won't engage in such talks merely "for the exercise."

Washington has indicated in the past that it's prepared to talk directly with Iran on the nuclear issue, but so far nothing has come of it. Meanwhile, talks involving all five permanent mem-

bers of the U.N. Security Council plus Germany have made little headway, while several rounds of international sanctions have cut into Iran's oil sales and financial transactions.

The next round of talks with the six powers will be held Feb. 25 in Kazakhstan, Salehi told the Munich Security Conference.

Diplomats from some of those world powers have expressed frustration in recent weeks about what they say are Iran's tactics of proposing several venues but not committing to any single one for the talks.

The EU had proposed dates and venues since December, "so it is good to hear that the Foreign Minister finally confirmed now," said Michael Mann, a spokesman for EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton. "We hope the negotiating team will also confirm."

Salehi said Biden's comments marked "a step forward," but indicated getting the U.S. and Iran together for one-to-one talks will be no easy task.

"We have no red line for bilateral negotiations when it comes to negotiating over a particular subject," Salehi said. "If the subject is the nuclear file, yes, we are ready for negotiations but we have to make sure ... that the other side this time comes with authentic intention, with a fair and real intention to resolve the issue."

Salehi said it was "contradictory" if the U.S. voices willingness to hold direct talks "but on the other side you use this threatening rhetoric that everything is on the table ... these are not compatible with each other."

"We are ready for engagement only when it is on equal footing," he said.

Iran insists it does not want nuclear arms and argues it has a right to enrich uranium for a civilian nuclear power program, but suspicion persists that the real aim is to build an atomic bomb.

Last month Iran, in a defiant move, announced plans to vastly increase its pace of uranium enrichment. That can be used to make both reactor fuel and the fissile core of warheads.

Vali Nasr, dean of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, sounded a skeptical note about direct Iran-U.S. talks any time soon.

"I think these are good statements that both sides are at least open to this, (but) I think there have to be some ideas about how you get them to the table in a credible way," he said. "One of the worst things is that if they went to the table and then they fail ... then we really will be at an impasse."

"So I think that's very key, that when that moment comes there's actually some forward momentum built into the talks," Nasr said.

Salehi underlined Iran's role as "an important regional player" and told the conference: "We are the golden key to the region."

Iran is a key ally of embattled Syrian President Bashar Assad. On the sidelines of the Munich meeting, the minister met the top Syrian opposition leader, Moaz al-Khatib.

WORLD BRIEFS

Another 2 bodies found in Mexico oil company blast

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexico's state-owned oil company says it has found two more bodies amid the rubble of a headquarters building damaged by a still-unexplained blast. The find raises the death toll of Thursday's explosion to 35 people. Petroleos Mexicanos operations director Carlos Murrieta had said that rescue crews were looking in the rubble for several more people reported missing, and believed their bodies were in the building's most damaged part. The bodies of two of the four more people reported missing by their relatives were recovered Sunday.

Stun gun used on armed man near Buckingham Palace

LONDON (AP)—Police used a stun gun to arrest a man armed with knives outside Buckingham Palace on Sunday, as throngs of tourists gathered to watch the Changing of the Guard ceremony there. Scotland Yard said the man, thought to be in his 50s, was spotted carrying two knives outside the central gate of the London tourist landmark. He did not threaten other people at the scene, but when challenged by police he acted aggressively. Officers used the stun gun on him and took him to a London police station, Scotland Yard said. No one was injured.

Turkey police: NYC woman killed by blow to head

ISTANBUL (AP)—A New York City woman who went missing and was later found dead in Istanbul had suffered a fatal blow to the head, police said Sunday.

Forensic experts have not concluded their autopsy report on the victim, Sarai Sierra, but it is "clear" the head injury caused her death, said Istanbul police chief Huseyin Capkin.

NTV, a Turkish broadcaster, says 15 people have been detained for questioning in the case.

Sierra, a 33-year-old mother of two, was last heard from on Jan. 21, the day she was to fly home from a vacation. Her body was discovered Saturday evening near the remnants of ancient city walls.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department confirmed Sierra's death in Istanbul, thanked Turkey's government for its extensive efforts to locate her body and said the investigation of what happened to her would continue.

"We are also appreciative of the many expressions of sympathy received from the Turkish people," the State Department said in its statement.

Sierra, whose children are 9 and 11, had left for Istanbul on Jan. 7 to explore her photography hobby.

She was in regular contact with friends and relatives, and had told them she would visit Galata Bridge, which spans Istanbul's Golden Horn waterway, to take photos.

Focus

Fatal gang rape shatters Indian family's dreams

NEW DELHI (AP)—Her parents called her “bitiya,” or little daughter. She was her family’s biggest hope. In a country where women are routinely pushed into subservience, this 23-year-old who dreamed of becoming a doctor was going to lift them out of poverty.

“Without her we are lost,” said her father, rocking on the edge of a bed in the family’s tiny basement apartment, hugging himself as if to hold in the grief. The sadness enveloped him as he talked of his daughter, who died after she was gang-raped in a moving bus in New Delhi in December, a case that galvanized public anger in India over sexual attacks and the inability of authorities to stop them. Indian culture has a deeply rooted preference for sons, and many daughters are expected to spend their lives caring for first their brothers and later their husbands. Yet these parents encouraged their bright, hardworking daughter to shine. The time for the two younger boys would come later, when their sister had a toehold in life.

“I never discriminated between my sons and daughter. I could see nothing else in this world but my children. They had to study at any cost,” the father said, gracious even in his loss, handing steel cups of tea to a reporter.

Because of a legal gag order, the victim and her family cannot be identified until the end of the trial of alleged rapists.

The family reflects a small but growing part of Indian society that is changing. When their daughter said she wanted to go away to study physiotherapy in a hill town far from New Delhi, her father didn’t think of holding her back. He asked the older son, who is in his late teens, to delay enrollment at an engineering college until his sister finished her studies. Money was scarce, and she was first in line.

“She was the hero of the film in our family. Always happy. Always laughing,” the father said.

For most women in this country of 1.2 billion, there are few real choices. Tradition says they will get married and become mothers, preferably of boys. If they work, the money will go to their fathers or their husbands.

The mistreatment starts early—with sex-selective abortions and even female infanticides that have skewed India’s gender ratio to 914 girls under age 6 for every 1,000 boys. Girls get less medical care and less education than their brothers.

Twenty-five years ago, the victim’s father got through high school, left his north Indian farming village and moved to



Female staff members of Hotel Imperial practice during a 12-day self-defense course initiated by the hotel management and Delhi Police women’s wing in New Delhi, India, Friday, Feb. 1, 2013. A brutal rape of a 23-year-old student last December set off protests in New Delhi and sparked a national debate about the treatment of women across the country and the inability of law enforcement to protect them. Indian Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde announced a special recruitment drive for women police officers last month and ordered every police station in the capital to be staffed by at least nine female officers to make them more attentive to women’s needs.

New Delhi to escape poverty. He is still poor, he admits freely, gesturing around the tiny bedroom that passes for a living room when guests arrive.

But he was able to give his children something else.

“My own father could not educate me very much. He had no means. I wanted different things for my children.”

He struggled for years, working as a security guard and making parts for washing machines. Three years ago, he got a job as a baggage handler at the New Delhi airport. Since then he has worked 16 hours a day, six days a week for about 12,000 rupees (\$220) a month.

“We were struggling, but life was good,” said the father, a heavyset man with graying hair in his mid-50s.

The poor in India often don’t have family photographs, and there are no pictures of the young woman in the damp two-room basement the family calls home. There are also no closets. Almost all their belongings—clothes, blankets, towels, sheets—hang on nails hammered into the thin brick walls. A naked bulb is the room’s only light, except for a tiny window that opens at street level.

The kids fought, as siblings do, but also loved spending time together. After dinner they would crowd into the room where they slept or watched “Bigg Boss,” a reality show,

and laugh at the contestants locked inside a house for several months.

In the father’s absence, it was the daughter whom both parents trusted most.

“She was the head of the family in the real sense,” he said. “Now that she is gone I can’t even see tomorrow clearly. I have no idea about the future.”

It was a responsibility she took seriously. By the time she was in the ninth grade she was already working—tutoring younger children in her neighborhood—to help pay her school fees.

She also watched over her brothers to make sure they weren’t falling behind in class.

“She gave us direction. She would ask us about our studies. We would ask her for help,” said the brother who gave up his place in an engineering college.

The father had big dreams for her. But her dreams were bigger.

“She wanted to become a doctor. A really good doctor,” he said.

Maybe that dream would have come true eventually. But she chose a less expensive route. Four years ago, she enrolled in a physiotherapy course at a school in Dehradun, a tiny town in the Himalayan foothills. She got an overnight job working at a call center to help pay for rent and school fees.

On most days she slept only a few hours in her rented room.

“We would have to call her every morning to make sure she got to class,” said the brother.

Relatives in their home village, not used to a family giving a girl so much freedom, pestered the father to get her married. Such things are wrong, they told him. She was not behaving as a woman, as a daughter, is expected to behave.

He ignored them.

“College cannot be in your home. If you have to go out then you do,” he said.

With a job as a hospital physiotherapist, her salary would have started at 12,000-15,000 rupees (\$220-270) a month, already more than her father’s pay.

By December, she was nearly finished. She was back in New Delhi, living at home and awaiting the results of her final exams.

On Dec. 16, everything changed. As they did every Sunday, the parents washed everyone’s clothes. The daughter cooked a family meal of kidney bean curry and lentil fritters soaked in spicy yogurt.

“Everything was so normal,” her brother said.

Later, she went to a mall to see a movie with a male friend.

Ordinarily she rarely came home after 8 p.m., and always called if she was late. But that night the family heard nothing. When they called, her cellphone was switched off. By 8:30 p.m. her brother had

called all her friends.

At 11:10 p.m. the police called. They were told their daughter had been in an accident.

The truth was much worse.

The woman and her friend had gotten on a bus after the movie, looking for a way back to her home. But the bus turned out to be driven by six men out for a joy ride, according to police documents. For nearly an hour, they were driven through the city. He was beaten. She was gang-raped, and penetrated with metal rods, causing such severe internal injuries that doctors found parts of her intestines floating inside her abdomen.

Eventually, the two were dumped, naked and bleeding, by a busy road on the cold December night.

“Imagine how much she must have suffered,” her brother said. “We would fight, you know. Brothers and sisters fight too. And if I pushed her too hard she felt pain.”

But still, she fought to live.

“For almost 10 days her brain was alert,” said her mother, a slim woman wrapped in a sari, her eyes red from weeks of weeping.

Police and a magistrate took statements from her in a New Delhi hospital. She remembered the names of her attackers. She recognized the faces in the photographs police showed her.

She broke down only once.

“She told me, ‘Mummy, they beat me a lot.’ That was the only time she showed her pain,” the mother said.

When infection began to ravage her body, she was flown with her family to a Singapore hospital. But on Christmas she slipped into a coma. Her family never got to speak to her again. The girl they called little daughter died on Dec. 29.

Now, they feel varying degrees of rage and helplessness.

“Sometimes I want to kill them myself,” the brother says, “but I know that would be wrong.”

If convicted, five of the attackers could face death sentences. A sixth, declared a juvenile, would likely serve three years in a reform home if convicted.

“I want them to hang. They should not come out alive after what they did to my child,” said the father. “This is not just about my daughter. If there is no justice in this case it will hurt the progress of girls in the whole country. Every parent will be afraid for their daughters.”

“I always told my children, if you study hard you can escape this poverty. All my life I believed that,” said her mother. “Now that dream has ended. My faith has left me.”

Three weeks after her daughter died, her final exam results were announced. She had passed.

Overdrive

'Check engine' light might mean disaster, or not

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

QUESTION: I remember you said there can be dozens, if not hundreds, of reasons my "check engine" light might come on. And since there's no way for me to know which one it is without it being checked by a repair shop, how do I know it's a serious problem or not? I think I heard somewhere the gas cap being loose is a common cause; what others are there?—Vinnie Salcida

ANSWER: Aside from a flat tire or dead battery, an illuminated "check engine" light—

also known as a malfunction indicator lamp, or MIL—is probably the most dreaded and common automotive quirk to wreck someone's day. This amber lamp indicates the emission control system, engine or transmission has incurred a fault that will cause exhaust emissions to rise above allowable values. In many cases, the vehicle will drive flawlessly. In other cases, misfiring, stalling or other drivability symptoms can lead to bigger problems. It may seem odd a transmission fault can affect emissions, but a shifting or torque converter clutch problem can make a difference.

In most cases, a continuously glowing MIL with normal engine and transmission performance can be prioritized as a sometime-this-week visit to a technician. A flashing MIL is a different story; the vehicle should be driven as tenderly and briefly as possible, as a severe engine misfire is occurring, which can damage the catalytic converter, among other issues. If the lamp stops flashing and misfire symptoms, such as shuddering or a thumping engine, abate, one may tread further.

According to the California Bureau of Automotive Repair, the most common "check en-

gine" lamp causes and diagnostic trouble codes are as follows:

■ "Catalyst system efficiency below threshold" (P0420): This means the catalytic converter is no longer functioning efficiently and probably requires replacement. This will not adversely affect vehicle operation, but exhaust emissions aren't being properly treated.

■ "System too lean" (P0171 or P0174): Lean means the engine is not receiving enough fuel or is admitting too much air, and may be indicated by stumbling, ping or a loss of power. Engine damage is slightly possible with this situ-

ation, if the vehicle is driven under demanding conditions.

■ "Exhaust gas recirculation flow insufficient detected" (P0401): This can cause combustion temperatures to rise excessively, leading to rattling, knocking sounds or ping. Reducing speed and avoiding hills and hot-weather driving can help mitigate possible engine damage prior to repair.

■ "Random/multiple cylinder misfire detected" (P0300): If noticeable engine shuddering or reduced power is evident, get this fixed as soon as possible. Engine misfire causes a host of problems, as noted above.

■ "Evaporative emission control system leak detected" (P0442, P0455, or P0440): This means fuel tank or vapor storage canister vapors are escaping to the atmosphere. Check for a loose gas cap, but remember

that it may take several days for the lamp to go out. Vehicle performance is unaffected.

■ "O2 sensor heater circuit" (P0135 or others): In this case, a faulty heater in one of the oxygen sensors is prolonging sensor warm-up or allowing cool-down. Vehicle performance is unaffected.

A neighbor with an inexpensive OBD-II scan tool or code reader can safely retrieve the stored diagnostic trouble code, and a quick Internet search of the code will yield sufficient information to allow repair prioritization.

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Cleaning additive can't restore a failed catalytic converter

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)



QUESTION: My 2003 Mazda MPV with 125,000 miles has the "check engine" light going on and off the past few weeks. The parts store's scan tool found a code for catalytic converter issues.

The manager suggested I try a couple cans of Sea Foam or a product called Cataclean, which I've never heard of. It's about \$25 for a 16-ounce can. Do either of those products do anything to revive a tired catalytic converter? Hate to spend foolish money on a long shot. The vehicle runs perfectly and has no unusual sounds or smells.

ANSWER: No additive can repair a failed catalytic converter, but they can clean deposits from a functioning converter and help restore its efficiency. In a nutshell, the catalytic converter matrix is covered with platinum or palladium that, when heated by the exhaust gases, oxidizes unburned fuel to eliminate raw hydrocarbons from the exhaust. As converters lose efficiency, the percentage of raw fuel in the exhaust increases, which is monitored by the rear oxygen sensor.

The good news is that federally legal aftermarket catalytic converters are available at a significantly lower price than most original equipment converters. A quick online check found replacement "cats" for your Mazda starting at under \$100, not including installation.

Try the cleaners first, but if the fault code for a failed converter returns, consider an aftermarket replacement unit.

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Q: I have a 1999 Chrysler Town & Country with 120,000 miles that is in great shape and a very good road car. A few months ago while on a long trip, the cruise control would not work. The control buttons are on the steering wheel. It started off working indifferently. Sometimes I could get it to turn on but not work. Very occasionally, it worked fine. Sometimes it partially works after turning the wheel lock to lock. About a month after this started, the air bag warning light would go on for a while and then turn off. The light's "on" period became longer and longer until now it is on most but still not all the time. Could it be bad connections in the steering wheel? Is this repairable without spending a lot of money or should I chalk it up to a 14-year-old car?

A: The problem very likely is in the wiring harness in the steering column—particularly if it's a tilt column—or instrument cluster harness. Yes, it's probably due to the vehicle's age and mileage, but regardless, the issue needs to be addressed. Why? The air bag warning light. When this light is illuminated, the air bag may not function properly in a crash, and potentially could deploy unintentionally.

Have a shop scan for DTC fault codes for the restraint system as well as the cruise control. This should pinpoint the problem and give you an idea of repair costs. Replacing a harness is far less costly than potential injuries if the air bag fails to properly deploy in a serious crash.

Paul Brand, author of How to Repair Your Car, is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver.

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Mother: †Francisca Rogolifoi Kaipat-Berki
Brother: †Koby Kolonis Berki
Parents-in-law: †Merced & Jose Indalecio/
†Antonio Dlg. Aldan/
†Richard C. Mullican

His love and peaceful spirit will live on in the hearts of his:

Children: Joseph Raymond Muna Berki & Naomi Dlg. Benjamin, Jerica Renee Mullican Berki, Cypriano Kaipat Berki II

Father & Step Mother: Joseph S. (aka Kilen) & Alma Ng Berki

Loving Partner/ Special Friend: Dawn Aldan Mullican

Special Mother-in-law: Hermina A. Mullican

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He will be greatly missed by numerous in-laws, cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Daily masses of intention are being offered at Saint Jude Church at 6:00pm followed immediately with holy rosary. Our Beloved Cypriano will be with us for the last time on Saturday, February 09, 2013 beginning at 8:15 am at Saint Jude Church with responso service, holy rosary and public visitation. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by his interment services at Mt Carmel Cemetery.

Your thoughts and most especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

THE FAMILY

Life & Style

Beyonce electrifies at Super Bowl halftime show

By MESFIN FEKADU
AP MUSIC WRITER

Lights out? Blame Beyonce's electrifying performance.

If naysayers still doubted Beyonce's singing talents—even after her national anthem performance this week at a press conference—the singer proved she is an exceptional performer at the Super Bowl halftime show.

Beyonce opened and closed her set belting songs, and in between she danced hard and heavy—and better than most contemporary pop stars.

She set a serious tone as she emerged onstage in all black, singing lines from her R&B hit "Love on Top." The stage was dark as fire and lights burst from the sides. Then she went into her hit "Crazy In Love," bringing some feminine spirit to the Superdome as she and her background dancers did the singer's signature booty-shaking dance. Beyonce ripped off part of her shirt and skirt. She even blew a kiss. She was ready to rock, and she did so like a pro.

Her confidence—and voice—grew as she worked the stage

with and without her Destiny's Child band mates during her 13-minute set, which comes days after she admitted she sang to a pre-recorded track at President Barack Obama's inauguration less than two weeks ago.

Beyonce proved not only that she can sing, but that she can also entertain on a stage as big as the Super Bowl's. The 31-year-old was far better than Madonna, who sang to a backing track last year, and miles ahead of the Black Eyed Peas' disastrous set in 2011.

Beyonce was best when she finished her set with "Halo." She asked the crowd to put their hands toward her as she sang the slow groove on bended knee—and that's when she the performance hit its high note.

"Thank you for this moment," she told the crowd. "God bless y'all."

Her background singers helped out as Beyonce danced around the stage throughout most of her performance. There was a back-

ing track to help fill in when Beyonce wasn't singing—and there were long stretches when she let it play as she performed elaborate dance moves.

She had a swarm of background dancers and band members spread throughout the stage, along with videotaped images of herself dancing that may have unintentionally played on the live-or-taped question. And the crowd got bigger when she was joined by her Destiny's Child band mates.



Beyonce

Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams popped up from below the stage to sing "Bootylicious." They were in similar outfits, singing and dancing closely as they harmonized. But Rowland and Williams were barely heard when the group sang "Independent Woman," as their voices faded into the background.

They also joined in for some of "Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)," where Beyonce's voice grew stronger. That song featured Beyonce's skilled choreography,

as did "End of Time" and "Baby Boy," which also showcased Beyonce's all-female band, balancing out the testosterone levels on the football field.

Before the game, Alicia Keys performed a lounge-y, pianotinged version of the national anthem that her publicist assured was live. The Grammy-winning singer played the piano as she sang "The Star Spangled Banner" in a long red dress with her eyes shut.

She followed Jennifer Hudson, who sang "America the Beautiful" with the 26-member Sandy Hook Elementary School chorus.

It was an emotional performance that had some players on the sideline on the verge of tears.

The students wore green ribbons on their shirts in honor of the 20 first-graders and six adults who were killed in a Dec. 14 shooting rampage at the school in Newton, Connecticut.

The students began the song softly before Hudson, whose mother, brother and 7-year-old nephew were shot to death five years ago, jumped in with her gospel-flavored vocals. She stood still in black and white as the students moved to the left and right, singing background.

Timberlake performs Super Bowl-eve comeback concert

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—One of the most anticipated musical moments of the year so far happened in New Orleans and was connected to the Super Bowl—but it had nothing to do with Beyonce.

Instead, it was another superstar, Justin Timberlake, who had the town buzzing as he gave his first performance in nearly five years—a sizzling, hour-long concert that featured the nattily dressed entertainer with a more than 10-piece band and guest appearances by Timbaland and Jay-Z, who's prominently featured on Timberlake's comeback single, "Suit and Tie."

Timberlake hadn't released new music in years, preferring to concentrate on a blossoming acting career that included star turns in movies such as "Friends With Benefits" and the Oscar-nominated "The Social Network."

But when Timberlake took to the stage on Saturday night for DirecTV's Super Bowl-eve bash, it seemed as if he had never left. Timberlake, dressed in a black tux, betrayed no nerves or rust as he appeared with the backing band dubbed "JT & the Tennessee Kids" and dove into the night's first song, "Like I Love You," his signature falsetto in top form.

There was a bit of irony in

the setting of Timberlake's comeback concert because he is identified with the most infamous Super Bowl performance of them all, 2004's wardrobe malfunction featuring Janet Jackson. He spoke a little about Sunday's big game as he baited Baltimore Ravens fans against San Francisco 49ers followers.

Other than that, he had little else to say, letting his music do all the talking. For the most



Timberlake

part, his musical statement consisted of a rundown of his greatest hits, including "Senorita," "Cry Me A River," "Summer Love" and "My Love" (the latter of which included a

verse of Jay-Z and Kanye's "... In Paris").

But he did offer at least two new songs that seemed as if they could have been inspired by his recent marriage to actress Jessica Biel. Both were slow jams: One was called "Push Your Love Girl," while another had the refrain: "I'm in love with that girl ... don't be mad at me."


Timberlake also drew from others' music, performing a cover of INXS' "What You Need" and delivering a spot-on rendition of the Jacksons' "Shake Your Body Down To the Ground," complete with the Jacksons' trademark choreography.

In Our Lord's Care

† DR. ISAMU JOE ABRAHAM

Affectionately known as "Sam" or "Doc"

Of Fina Sisu, Saipan was born December 15, 1944
on Lelu, Kosrae.
He passed away on January 31, 2013.



In his new life, Isamu will be reunited with his:
Father: Josiah Abraham Salik
Mother: Sepe Josiah Salik
Step-Mother: Johanna Weilbacher Salik
Father-in-law: Francisco Sablan Pangelinan
Mother-in-law: Dolores Ito Pangelinan
Step-Sister: Cecilia Weilbacher Smith
Brother: Antonio "Otto" W. Abraham
Brothers-in-law: Felix Francisco I. and Esteban I. Pangelinan
Sister-in-law: Sra Abraham
Nephew: Carlos Patrick Pangelinan Camacho

Isamu's memories will live in the hearts of his:
Wife and Best Friend: Felicitas "Tee" Pangelinan Abraham
Children: Lisa Kimberly A. Rengechel/Joe and children; Joanna Dolores "Jody" P. Abraham; Jon Christopher P. Abraham; Michelle Kerin A. Scholz/Justin
Siblings: Gloria A. Nedlic/Nores; Justina A. Olter/Wilson; Richard Josiah Abraham; Mary A. Simmering/Robert Joseph; Adelita A. Palik/Aren; Francisco "Leehastig" W. Abraham/Namiko; Lucy W. Abraham; Edward W. Abraham/Welsihner; Linda W. Abraham
Siblings-in-law: Joaquin "Mitch" I. Pangelinan/Carmen T. Cabrera; Consolacion "Connie" P. Pangelinan; Delgadina P. Zabetakis/Nick; Joseph I. Pangelinan/Maria "Frica"; Lourdes "Winnie" P. Camacho/Carlos; Kenneth I. Pangelinan; Francisca S. Pangelinan; Meriam N. Abraham
Godchildren: Janel Nicole Rabago Deleon Guerrero, Benjamin Jones Castro, Melvia Kenye Celis Aaron, LaDonna C. Sablan

On **Friday, February 8, 2013**, Isamu's remains will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 9:15 a.m. Responso and visitation to pay last respect will begin at 9:30 a.m. Christian Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m.

Your thoughts and prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Thank You, Kulo Mulalap, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Domo Arigato Gozaimasu.

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Warm Bodies

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Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:50
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Mon through Thurs		4:15	7:15	

Cast: Nicholas Hoult, Teresa Palmer, John Malkovich
Genre: Romance, Horror • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

A tormented zombie (Nicholas Hoult) experiences a profound transformation after entering into an unusual relationship with the daughter (Teresa Palmer) of a military leader charged with eradicating the walking dead. As the unlikely pair build a tenuous bridge between the living and the dead, those on both sides of the battle begin to sense that nothing in their world will ever be the same again. Warm Bodies is based on the novel by Isaac Marion. Rob Corddry and John Malkovich round out the starring cast.



Bullet to the Head

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:30
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:30
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Mon through Thurs		4:20	7:20	

Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Kang Sung, Sarah Shahi
Genre: Action • Rated R

Synopsis

Steven Spielberg helms his long-in-the-making biopic of Abraham Lincoln for DreamWorks and Touchstone Pictures. Daniel Day-Lewis portrays the former head of state in the Tony Kushner-penned adaptation of Doris Kearns Goodwin's book, Team of Rivals, which chronicles the President's time in office between 1861 and 1865 as he dealt with personal demons and politics during the Civil War.



Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D

Friday		7:25	9:40
Saturday	1:25	7:25	9:40
Sunday	1:25	7:25	
Mon through Thurs		7:25	

Cast: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton, Famke Janssen
Genre: Adventure • Rated R

Synopsis

A hitman (Sylvester Stallone) and a cop (Kang Sung) team up to pay back the killers who murdered their old partners in this action thriller from veteran tough guy filmmaker, Walter Hill (48 Hours, The Warriors).



Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters 2D

Friday		4:25	
Saturday		4:25	
Sunday		4:25	
Mon through Thurs		4:25	

Cast: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton, Famke Janssen
Genre: Adventure • Rated R



Lincoln

Friday		4:00	7:00	10:00
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	10:00
Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	
Mon through Thurs		4:00	7:00	

Cast: Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field, David Strathairn
Genre: Drama • Rated PG 13



Mama

Friday		4:30	7:30	9:45
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	9:45
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Mon through Thurs		4:30	7:30	

Cast: Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Jessica Chastain
Genre: Horror • Rated PG 13



Broken City

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:55
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:55
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Mon through Thurs		4:10	7:10	

Cast: Mark Wahlberg, Russell Crowe, Catherine Zeta-jones
Genre: Drama • Rated R



The Last Stand

Friday		4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Mon through Thurs		4:05	7:05	

Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Forest Whitaker
Genre: Action • Rated R

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Affleck's 'Argo' wins Directors Guild top honor

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ben Affleck has won the top film honor from the Directors Guild of America for his CIA thriller "Argo," further sealing its status as best-picture front-runner at the Academy Awards.

Saturday's prize also normally would make Affleck a near shoo-in to win best-director at the Feb. 24 Oscars, since the Directors Guild recipient nearly always goes on to claim the same prize at Hollywood's biggest night.

But Affleck surprisingly missed out on an Oscar directing nomination, along with several other key favorites, including fellow Directors Guild contenders Kathryn Bigelow for "Zero Dark Thirty" and Tom Hooper for "Les Miserables."

Affleck's Oscar snub has not hurt "Argo" and may even have earned it some favor among awards voters as an underdog favorite. "Argo" has dominated other awards since the Oscar nominations.

"I don't think that this makes me a real director, but I think it means I'm on my way," said Affleck, who won for just his third film behind the camera.

The Directors Guild honors continued Hollywood's strange awards season, which could culminate with a big Oscar win for Affleck's "Argo." The guild's prize for best director typically is a final blessing for the film that goes on to win best-picture and director at the Oscars.

Affleck can go only one-for-two at the Oscars, though. While "Argo" is up for best picture, the director's branch of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences overlooked him for a directing slot.

Backstage at the Directors Guild honors, Affleck said he had nothing but respect for the academy and that "you're not entitled to anything."

"I'm thrilled and honored that the academy nominated me as a producer of the movie," said Affleck. "I know our movie, we're a little bit underdog and a little bit the little engine that could, and you take me out of it maybe helps ... it's just about that picture. I feel like it's OK, I'm really lucky, I'm in a good place."

With 12 Oscar nominations, Steven Spielberg's Civil War saga "Lincoln" initially looked like the Oscar favorite over such other potential favorites as "Argo," "Les Miserables" and "Zero Dark Thirty," since films generally have little chance of winning best picture if they are not nominated for best director. Only three films have done it in 84 years, most recently 1989's best-picture champ "Driving Miss Daisy," which failed to earn a directing nomination for Bruce Beresford.

But Affleck's "Argo," in which he also stars as a CIA operative who hatches a bold plan to rescue six Americans during the hostage crisis in Iran, has swept up all the major awards since the Oscar nominations. "Argo" won best drama and director at the Golden Globes and

Ben Affleck poses backstage with his award for outstanding directorial achievement in feature film for "Argo" at the 65th Annual Directors Guild of America Awards at the Ray Dolby Ballroom on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013, in Los Angeles.



top film honors from the Screen Actors Guild and the Producers Guild of America.

Many of the same film professionals who vote in guild awards also cast ballots for the Oscars, so all the wins for "Argo" are a strong sign that the film has the inside track for best picture.

Milos Forman, a two-time Directors Guild and Oscar winner for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Amadeus," received the group's lifetime-achievement award. Guild President Taylor Hackford let the crowd in a toast to Forman, who was ill and unable to attend.

Malik Bendjelloul won the guild's documentary award for "Searching for Sugar Man," his study of the fate of critically acclaimed but obscure 1970s singer-songwriter Rodriguez. The film also is nominated for best documentary at the Oscars.

Jay Roach won the guild trophy for TV movies and mini-series for "Game Change," his drama starring Julianne Moore as Sarah Palin in her 2008 vice-presidential run.

Roach said that he watched John McCain rush to choose Palin as his running-mate, potentially putting her second in line for the presidency.

"I said, 'We gotta talk about this,'" Roach joked.

'Warm Bodies' heats up box office with \$20M

NEW YORK (AP)—The love-struck zombies of "Warm Bodies" swarmed the box office on Super Bowl weekend with a \$20 million opening.

On a weekend that Hollywood largely yields to football, the PG-13 film from Lionsgate's Summit Entertainment easily led the box office, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The film is about a zombie whose love for a human redeems him. The film appealed particularly to females, who made up 60 percent of the audience.

Action films continued to fare poorly in 2013, as Sylvester Stallone's "Bullet to the Head" opened with just \$4.5 million for Warner Bros. Along with the weak performance of Jason

"Girls" star Lena Dunham earned the guild honor for TV comedy, while Rian Johnson won for drama series for "Breaking Bad."

Dunham won for directing the pilot of "Girls," which focuses on the lives of a group of women in their 20s.

"It is such an unbelievable honor to be in the company of the people in this room, who have made me want to do this with my life," Dunham said.

Filmmaker Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu ("Babel," "Amores Perros") won for best commercial for a Procter and Gamble spot he directed.

Among other TV winners:

■ Reality program: Brian Smith, "Master Chef."

■ Musical variety: Glenn Weiss, "The 66th Annual Tony Awards."

■ Daytime serial: Jill Mitwell, "One Life to Live."

■ Children's program: Paul Hoen, "Let It Shine."

Affleck's win Saturday nicks the Directors Guild record as a strong forecast for the eventual directing recipient at the Oscars. Only six times in the 64-year history of the guild awards has the winner there failed to follow up with an Oscar. This will be

the seventh, since Affleck is not up for the best-director Oscar.

Peer loyalty might play in Affleck's favor at the Oscars. The acting branch in particular, the largest block of the academy's 5,900 members, might really throw its weight behind "Argo" because of Affleck's directing snub. Actors love it when one of their own moves into a successful directing career, and Affleck—who's rarely earned raves for his dramatic chops—also delivers one of his best performances in "Argo."

Affleck has had no traction in acting honors this season, and he's joked that no one considered it a snub when he wasn't nominated for best actor. So a best-picture vote for "Argo" might be viewed as making right his omission from the directing lineup and acknowledging what a double-threat talent he's become in front of and behind the camera.

A best-picture prize also would send Affleck home with an Oscar. The award would go to the producers of "Argo": George Clooney, Grant Heslov and Affleck.

But it's not as though Affleck has never gotten his due at Hollywood awards before. He and Matt Damon jump-started their careers with 1997's "Good Will Hunting," for which they shared a screenplay Oscar.

1. "Warm Bodies," \$20 million.
2. "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters," \$9.2 million, (\$15 million international).
3. "Silver Linings Playbook," \$8.1 million, (\$7.8 million international).
4. "Mama," \$6.7 million, (\$2.4 million international).
5. "Zero Dark Thirty," \$5.3 million, (\$3.7 million international).
6. "Bullet to the Head," \$4.5 million, (\$1.1 million international).
7. "Parker," \$3.2 million.
8. "Django Unchained," \$3 million, (\$30.6 million international).
9. "Les Miserables," \$2.4 million, (\$12.2 million international).
10. "Lincoln," \$2.4 million, (\$13 million international).

Statham's "Parker," which has taken in \$12.4 million in two weeks, moviegoers aren't turning out for traditional R-rated action movies.

Last week's top film, Paramount's "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters," dropped to

second with \$9.2 million on the weekend.

The most Super Bowl-appropriate film in theaters, the Oscar-nominated "Silver Linings Playbook," came in third place, adding \$8.1 million for a cumulative total of \$80.4 million.

Oh the drama! Super Ads go epic

NEW YORK (AP)—Super Bowl ads have morphed into soap operas.

Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson shrugged off aliens and other villains so he could get more milk for his kids at breakfast in a Super Bowl spot for the Milk Processor Education Program. Anheuser-Busch’s commercial told the story of a baby Clydesdale growing up and returning to his owner for a heartfelt hug years later. And a Jeep ad portrayed the trials and triumphs of families waiting for their return of family members.

The reason for all the drama? With 30-second spots going for as much as \$4 million this year and more than 111 million viewers expected to tune in, marketers are constantly looking for ways to make their ads stand out. And it’s increasingly difficult to capture viewers’ attention in between plays.

“A lot of advertisers are running long commercials to tell these stories that engage people often in a very emotional way,” said Tim Calkins, clinical professor of marketing at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern. “These spots that tell stories really stand out in the clutter.”

TEAR-JERKING MINI EPICS

Chrysler started the long-format commercial trend last year, with a two-minute spot starring Clint Eastwood that became very popular.

This year, Chrysler led the trend again with its two-minute salute to troops and their families. The ad featured Oprah Winfrey reading a letter from the Jeep brand to encourage families to stay hopeful.

“Wendy Ochoa, a high school teacher who lives in Novi, Michigan, said the ad was very



This undated screenshot provided by the Milk Processor Education Program, known as MilkPep shows the company’s Super Bowl advertisement. The Milk Processor Education Program, known as MilkPep and popular for its “Got Milk?” print ads, is featuring actor and professional wrestler Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson in a 30-second ad in the second quarter that is directed by Peter Berg.

emotional. “It tugs on your heartstrings, how can it not,” Ochoa, 44, said.

Audi’s 60-second ad in the first quarter, that featured an ending that was voted on by viewers prior to the game, showed the story of a boy gaining confidence from driving his father’s Audi to the prom, kissing the prom queen and getting decked by the prom king.

The Audi mini-epic was a favorite of Super Bowl viewer Stephanie Bice, 39, a business development director in Oklahoma City.

“It was fun and whimsical,” Bice said.

Meanwhile, Anheuser-Busch pulled at heartstrings with a spot about a baby Clydesdale growing up and moving away from his farm and his trainer. The horse remembered the trainer after returning for a parade, and raced to hug him.

“The Budweiser commercial

with the Clydesdale made me cry,” said Wendy Ponzo, 49, who was watching the game in Pont Pleasant, New Jersey. “I can relate to that.”

COMEDY GOES LONG

Not all of the storytelling ads were dramatic, though.

Samsung’s two-minute ad showed Seth Rogen (“The Guilt Trip”) and Paul Rudd (“Role Models”) getting called in to do a “Next Big Thing” ad for Samsung. But they’re agitated once they realize that they’re sharing the spotlight. LeBron James, an NBA basketball player for the Miami Heat, makes a cameo, appearing on a tablet.

The ad won over some fans in the ad world.

“I could watch the Samsung ad over and over again,” said David Berkowitz, vice president at digital marketing agency 360i. “It’s as good as any Seth Rogen movie.”

Budweiser, a long-time Super Bowl advertiser, also told mini-movies in its two of its ads. One showed rival 49ers and Ravens fans each creating a voodoo doll for the other team with the help of R&B legend Stevie Wonder. In the other ad, fans go to great lengths to curse a rival fan’s “lucky chair.”

“It’s only weird if it doesn’t work,” reads the copy.

And Mercedes-Benz’s 90-second ad had a Faustian plot.

A devilish Willem Dafoe (“Spider-Man”) shows a man everything that comes with a Mercedes-Benz CLX: A date with supermodel Kate Upton, dancing with Usher, driving around with beautiful girls, getting on the cover of magazines including Vanity Fair and GQ, getting to drive on a racetrack.

He almost signs his soul away for the car. But then he sees a billboard that says the car starts at \$29,900, and doesn’t sign.

Wife intolerant of illness needs lesson in health

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are both schoolteachers. She hates to call in sick and often teaches class when she says she feels ill. I don’t argue with her.

The problem arises when I am not feeling well. When I am sick and feverish, I’m not inclined to rise from my sickbed and go to work. On those few occasions, my wife objects strenuously. She interrogates me about my symptoms, then makes her own “diagnosis” on the spot. Apparently, her gold standard for staying home is the inability to stand.

This creates a problem for me at work because co-workers are concerned about catching my obvious illness. The last time I felt sick, my wife ordered me to go to work. When I saw a doctor afterward, I was told I had a virus and should be in bed. My wife still objected to my missing work because she considered it to be “just a cough.”

I missed a grand total of two days because of it. On one of them I wasn’t able to stand, the other because I refused to get out of bed. Then, since I was staying home “doing nothing,” my wife insisted I care for our two children (ages 3 and 1), rather than send them to my mother-in-law who baby-sits while we work.

Today a staff member called in sick with the same virus I had. Everyone looked at me as the responsible party.

If I stay home, my wife will dump the kids on me and give me the cold shoulder. If I go to work, I expose my co-workers and perform poorly. Help!

AT A TOTAL LOSS IN CORPUS CHRISTI

DEAR TOTAL LOSS: It appears you married a woman who is not only lacking in empathy, but also is a controlling, slave-driving witch. Unless you can find the backbone to take control of the situation and stop acting like a victim, your wife will continue to punish you when you’re least able to defend yourself—and nothing will change.

P.S. A teacher with a virus can not only infect co-workers and administrative staff, but also his students—not to mention his own children. Please point that out to “Simone Legree.”

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DEAR ABBY: The adage, “If you don’t have anything nice to say ...” is easier said than done. When I am tired or stressed, I have a tendency to be less tolerant of others’ quirks, and sometimes I voice my annoyance. While my opinions do have a basis, I sometimes feel guilty about insulting or hurting the person’s feelings. I envy those who are strong enough to not allow the stress of certain situations to affect them.

I have never been a believer in “killing them with kindness” because that seems to enable their behavior. My intolerance is probably due to unhappiness about my own life. So how do I allow these annoyances to roll off my back and bite my tongue?

CAN’T TOLERATE FOOLS IN DES MOINES

DEAR CAN’T TOLERATE FOOLS: One way to do that would be to remind yourself that the more you take your unhappiness out on those around you, the more you will isolate yourself. When you are tired or stressed, and before shooting off your mouth, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it helpful? And if what you were about to say is not all three, bite your tongue, zip your lip, or walk away until you get a grip.

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Stevie Wonder headlines pre-Super Bowl concert

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Applause and approval greeted Stevie Wonder as thousands stood for hours to hear his pre-Super Bowl concert that also featured guitarist Gary Clark Jr.

Escorted on stage late Saturday by his daughter and backup singer Aisha Morris, Wonder performed several of his hits, including his opening song, “How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You).”

That was followed by “Master Blaster,” Michael Jackson’s “The Way You Make Me Feel,” and Wonder’s own “Higher Ground.”

The 62-year-old Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member headlined the outdoor event held near the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel on the eve of Sunday’s game between the Baltimore Ravens and the San Francisco 49ers.

Thousands packed a tent set up on a parking lot across the street from the hotel to hear Wonder, Clark, R&B artist Janelle Monae and DJ Martin Solveig.

Women’s baseball star, movie inspirer Davis dies



Lavonne “Pepper” Paire-Davis, seen here in a file photo taken June 11, 2010, at Yankee Stadium in New York, watches the Houston Astros warm up before playing the New York Yankees.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lavonne “Pepper” Paire-Davis, a star of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League in the 1940s and an inspiration for the movie “A League of Their Own,” has died. She was 88.

Her son William Davis tells The Associated Press that Paire-Davis died of natural causes in Los Angeles on Saturday.

Paire-Davis was a model for the character played by Geena Davis and served as a consultant on the 1992 film.

In 1944, she joined the women’s baseball league, created in fear that World War II would interrupt Major League Baseball, and played for 10 seasons. She was a catcher and shortstop, and helped her teams win five championships. She chronicled her baseball adventures in the 2009 book “Dirt in the Skirt.”

She’s survived by two sons and a daughter.

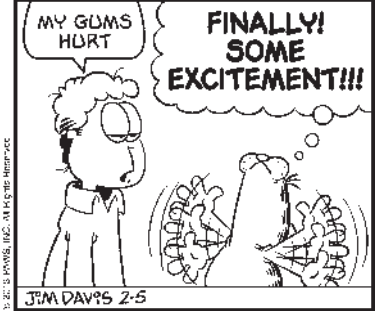
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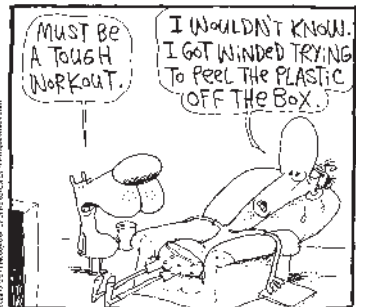
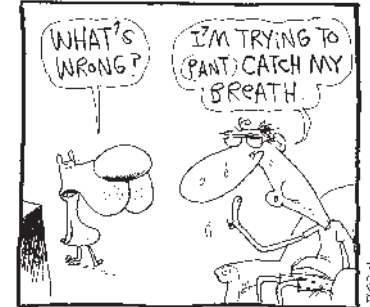
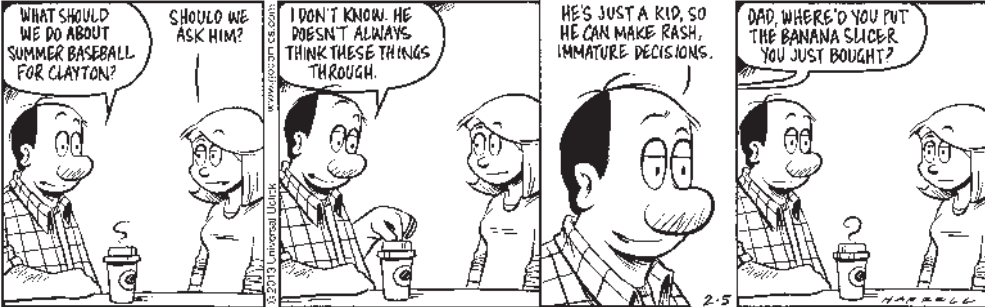


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14 Sandwich cookie
15 Sheltered, at sea
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21 Be unwell
22 Lamb's cry
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26 Flapjack
30 "Impossible"
31 Bliss
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36 Minion of Satan

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Yesterday's answer 2-5

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Cristiano Ronaldo, 28; Michael Sheen, 44; Jennifer Jason Leigh, 51; Christopher Guest, 65

Happy Birthday: Take responsibility and follow your own path. Learn from experience in order to keep moving in a positive direction. Learn that you can do with less and you will end up with much more. Do things that make you proud and cause others to take note. Direct and honest communication will bring good results. Your numbers are 4, 14, 22, 29, 31, 42, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Change things up a bit. Try something new or get involved in activities that are conducive to love, romance and expanding your circle of friends. Greater opportunity to earn money doing something you enjoy is apparent. Apply for a new position. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotions and money will not mix well. Don't make a donation based on guilt. Put more thought into how you can make a difference without limiting your cash flow or your integrity. A past partner will cause problems. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Uncertainty will set in, causing a lack of vision with regard to both personal and professional matters. Proceed with caution to avoid being blamed for passing along false information. Spend time improving your skills or updating your appearance. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be faced with opportunities and choices to make. Don't let a flashy offer override

other possibilities. Give ample time to figuring out what is best for you. Sometimes a slower start leads to a solid and secure future. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Shake things up by traveling to unfamiliar places or trying your hand at something new and exciting. Sharing with people you feel emotionally attached to will help you realize what you want to achieve. Consider an investment opportunity. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a closer look at what's going on in your life and with the people you must deal with daily. A problem with a peer or boss can lead to emotional mistakes. You should be working toward securing your position practically. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Fix up a space at home that will encourage you to develop a profitable skill or service. You shouldn't have to go over budget if you have worked out all your expenses carefully. A partnership change will improve your prospects. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid controversy when it's creative input that will help you explore and expand new avenues. Walk away from anyone placing restrictions on you or the activities you want to attend. A personal change will turn out to be inspirational. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't believe everything you hear. Ask questions and rely on the people you know and trust to help you see your situation clearly. Love is in the stars, and a special partnership can make your life better financially, emotionally and physically. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Proceed with caution if you are dealing with someone using personal information in the workplace. Protect your reputation and focus on diplomacy and doing the best job possible. Offer positive help and you will redirect negative connotations. ★★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep everyone guessing. The more changeable you are, the more intriguing you will become. A personal opportunity will lead to a change of residence or living situation. Romance is in the stars and personal stability within reach. ★★★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Go over your personal papers. Update your skills or talk to someone about a problem you face that could lead to legal repercussions. Don't blow situations out of proportion. Bide your time, but be prepared to take action if necessary. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are emotional, driven and competitive. You think big and take action.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

6	8	3	5	2	4	7	9	1
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Difficulty Level ★★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 8 letters

E	R	R	E	H	T	O	M	D	O	G	L	A	S	S
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Duties and responsibilities: Responsible for creating and maintaining a clean and comfortable environment for hotel guests. Replace used linens, sanitize bathrooms and set up the rooms according to hotel's standards. Carry linens, towels toilets items and cleaning supplies using wheeled carts. Empty waste baskets, empty and clean ashtrays and transport other trash and waste to disposal areas. Clean hallways, lobbies, lounges, restrooms, corridors stairways, locker rooms and other work area so that health standards are met. Observe precautions required to protect hotel and guest property and report damage, theft and found articles to supervisors. Replenish supplies such as drinking glasses, linens writing supplies and bathroom items. Clean rugs, carpets, upholstered furniture, and draperies, using vacuum cleaners and shampooers. Dust and polish furniture and equipment. Keep storage area and carts well-stocked, clean and tidy. Disinfect equipment and supplies, using germicides or steam operated sterilizers.

POSITION: WAITER/WAITRESS (8)
Qualification: Minimum of 2 years experience and training in hotel & resort operation. Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation and function. Good customer service, communication and interpersonal skills. Listen to, understand information through spoken words and sentences. Speak clearly so others can understand you. Identify and understand the speech of another person.
Duties and responsibilities: Serve food & beverage to guest, provide courteous professional, efficient and flexible service in order to maximize guest satisfaction. Present menus to patrons and answer questions about menu items, making recommendation upon request. Take orders and serve food and beverages to patrons, and prepare or serve specialty dishes at tables as required. Write patrons' food orders on order slips, memorize orders, or enter orders into computers for transmittal to kitchen staff. Check with customers to ensure that they are enjoying their meals and take actions to correct any problems. Prepare hot, cold and mixed drinks for patrons and chill bottles of wine. Prepare checks that itemize and total meal costs and collect payment from customers. Clean tables or counters after patrons have finished dining.

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Heat win to put Spoelstra on East All-Star's bench



TORONTO (AP)—Both on the court and along the sidelines, the Miami Heat will be well represented at this month's NBA All-Star game.

LeBron James scored 30 points, Chris Bosh had 28 against his former team and the Miami Heat beat Toronto 100-85 Sunday for their 10th straight victory over the Raptors.

The victory guarantees Miami the top spot in the Eastern Conference as of Feb. 3, percentage points ahead of the New York Knicks. That means Heat coach Erik Spoelstra and his staff will be in charge when the All-Stars suit up in Houston in two weeks.

"It's awesome," James said. "It's a testament to our coaches' preparedness. As players we go out there and just try to execute their game plan. We're happy for them."

Spoelstra, the fifth-year coach who led the Heat to the NBA championship last June, called the All-Star nod "a heck of an honor."

"We're happy to go, we're excited about it," Spoelstra said. "You don't spend any time thinking about it as it's happening, you're just trying to prepare your team and make sure you have the best record. Now that it happened, it's cool. We'll make the most of it. Our staff is thrilled about it. Our players gave us congratulations afterward. That's about as rare a thing as you'll ever get in this league."

Dwyane Wade added 23 points as the Heat bounced back after Friday's 102-89 loss at Indiana, ensuring their team

Super Bowl viewing party would be a happy one.

"It's good to get this one to close out this road trip so we can enjoy this evening and enjoy the second game," Spoelstra said.

James had indicated his displeasure last Wednesday after realizing he would miss the Super Bowl while flying back to Florida after the game. The Heat's private plane is not equipped with satellite TV or wireless Internet.

To accommodate James, the Heat delayed their return home for Monday's game against Charlotte until after the Super Bowl, which they planned to watch at a bar adjoining the Air Canada Centre. Real Sports Bar and Grill is operated by Raptors team owner Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.

"You don't want to be thinking about ways you could have helped the team win while you're trying to watch the Super Bowl," James said. "We're happy we took care of it."

James and Wade were voted onto the starting lineup for the East, while Bosh was named a reserve last week.

With injured Boston guard Rajon Rondo set to miss out after tearing a knee ligament, Spoelstra was asked whether he'd consider putting Bosh into the starting lineup.

"I've only given this thought for the last nine minutes," Spoelstra said. "But I will tell you this unequivocally: My loyalties are first and foremost always with the Miami Heat."

Whether he starts or not, Bosh said he was happy to see Spoelstra and his staff earn the trip to Houston.

"They deserve it," Bosh said. "They work hard, just



AP
Miami Heat forward LeBron James, right, drives to the hoop against Toronto Raptors forward Rudy Gay (22) during second half NBA basketball action in Toronto Sunday Feb. 3, 2013.

like us. To be able to have that honor and that privilege, it's a great thing."

Rudy Gay led the Raptors with 29 points and DeMar DeRozan had 27. Kyle Lowry scored 10 points and Aaron Gray matched his season high with 12 rebounds for the Raptors, who have lost four of five.

"They're the champs," DeRozan said. "We couldn't stop

them. We couldn't slow them down when they got it going."

James finished with team highs of eight rebounds and seven assists and Bosh scored 13 in the fourth quarter for Miami, which improved to 12-11 on the road.

Booed throughout by the sell-out Toronto crowd, Bosh said he used the jeers as motivation.

"I was hearing a lot from the

fans," Bosh said. "I thank them for continuing to stay on me and call me names and stuff because that helped my focus a lot. I was like 'I need to get in this to shut them up.'"

Terrence Ross and DeRozan sandwiched 3-pointers around a hook shot by Bosh, bringing Toronto to within three at 84-81 with 5:22 left. Miami's Norris Cole scored a layup but DeRozan answered with a driving dunk, and Miami called timeout up 86-83 with 4:09 left.

Bosh made one of two from the line after the stoppage, then followed with a 3 from the corner as the Heat took a 90-83 lead with 2:34 to go.

"Chris really gave us a presence in the paint," Spoelstra said. "He hit the big 3 but he was collapsing the defense with his rolls to the rim, catching it and going up strong in traffic. That makes us a different team when he gives us that presence."

James extended the lead by stealing the ball on Toronto's next possession and driving for a breakaway slam, then hitting a 3 to put the Heat up 95-83 with 1:28 left.

James scored nine points in the first, including an alley-oop dunk from Mario Chalmers and a breakaway slam off a Raptors turnover. DeRozan had 10 for Toronto but the Raptors trailed 24-21 after one quarter, the first time in nine games they hadn't led after 12 minutes.

Gay scored Toronto's first 10 points of the second to give the Raptors the lead. He finished with 16 in the quarter, putting Toronto up 50-44 at the half. Bosh scored nine points in the third and Wade added seven as the Heat took advantage of six Toronto turnovers to take a 71-67 lead into the fourth.

Celtics 106, Clippers 104

In Boston, Paul Pierce scored 22 points and Bledsoe held off a late comeback to beat Los Angeles and improve to 4-0 since losing Rajon Rondo for the season to a torn knee ligament.

The Clippers had pulled to 103-101 on a 3-pointer by Eric Bledsoe with 56 seconds remaining. But Avery Bradley drew an offensive foul on Los Angeles' Jamal Crawford with 26 seconds to go, and Pierce held on to the ball before making a 3-pointer with 2.5 seconds left to clinch the win.

Jeff Green and Leandro Barbosa scored 14 points each for the Celtics.

The Clippers were led by Bledsoe, replacing Paul, and Crawford, who made a 3-pointer at the buzzer, with 23 points each.

Lakers 98, Pistons 97

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Pau Gasol had 23 points and 10 rebounds, and he contested Detroit's last-second alley-oop attempt to help Los Angeles hold on for the win.

The Lakers blew an 18-point third-quarter lead but went back ahead for good on Kobe Bryant's driving three-point play with 1:09 remaining. That gave the Lakers a 98-95 lead, and they held on despite missing four free throws in the final 16.8 seconds.

Bryant scored 18 points for the Lakers, who have won five of six, including their last two games without Dwight Howard. The All-Star center has been out with a right shoulder problem.

Greg Monroe had 20 points for Detroit and Will Bynum had 18 points and 10 assists.

Mickelson finishes off Phoenix Open victory

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—Phil Mickelson's 5-iron shot sailed long and right on the par-3 seventh, stopping an inch from the fringe and leaving him in danger of losing at least a stroke to playing partner Brandt Snedeker.

Mickelson ended up leaving Snedeker shaking his head and went on to complete a wire-to-wire victory Sunday in the Phoenix Open.

Fifty-five feet away, with a mound and a 20-foot swath of fringe between his ball and the hole, Mickelson decided to putt through the taller grass rather than chip over it. He had caddie Jim Mackay remove the flagstick so that it wouldn't deflect the ball if it had too much speed, a move that proved wise when the ball raced into the cup.

"The challenge of that was to judge the speed where half the putt is through fringe and half is on the green," Mickelson said. "I got lucky to have made it, obviously. I was just

trying to two-putt it. It was going fairly quickly when it got to the hole, probably would have been 6, 8 feet by. With Brandt in there close, that was a big momentum change."

Snedeker joked with Mickelson for a moment before holing his own birdie putt.

"Are you kidding me?" Snedeker said about his reaction to the putt. "I fully expected Phil to hit a flop shot from there. He didn't have much of a putt, and he putted through it."

"I hit a great shot in there close and I thought, 'Hey, I can get one on him here and put some pressure on him.' He makes that, and he let me hear about it before I putt, and he let me know that I needed to make that to tie. We had fun with it. That's Phil being Phil."

Mickelson shot a 4-under 67 to finish at 28-under 256, two strokes off the PGA Tour record of 254 set by Tommy Armour

III in the 2003 Texas Open. The 42-year-old former Arizona State star won after struggling the last two weeks—tying for 37th at La Quinta in his opener and 51st at Torrey Pines—and making news by talking about tax increases.

"It's an important one for me, because it's been a while since I won, been a while since I've been in contention," Mickelson said. "I was certainly nervous heading into today. I think the thing I'm most excited about was the way I was able to regain control of my thoughts after a few shots early on that I didn't care for."

Mickelson missed a chance for a 59 in the first round when his birdie putt on the final hole caught the right edge of the cup, curled 180 degrees and stayed out. He settled for a 60 and followed with rounds of 65 and 64 to take a six-stroke lead into the final round.

"I think that sets up the tone for the rest of the year, because I really started to play well," Mickelson said. "But for me, the rest of the year took a turn on Tuesday when I got my new driver. It just changed my whole deal."

Snedeker finished second, four strokes back after a 65.

"Sometimes you have to tip your hat and say, 'Phil played unbelievable and deserved to win,'" Snedeker said. "That's kind of what this week was all about."

Mickelson took a three-stroke lead to the 17th tee, and nearly drove into the left-side water on the drivable par 4, his ball stopping a yard short of the hazard. He flopped his second shot 15 feet past the hole and made the birdie putt.

Mickelson parred the par-4 18th after another drive to the left, one that easily cleared the water he hit into Friday en route to a double bogey, and Snedeker closed with a bogey.

Mickelson had his third wire-

to-wire victory and first since the 2006 BellSouth Classic—a 13-stroke blowout the week before the second of his three Masters victories. He pushed his victory total to 41, winning for the first time since 51 weeks ago at Pebble Beach—where he will go for a record-tying fifth victory next weekend.

Making his 24th appearance in the event that he also won in 1996 and 2005, Mickelson tied the tournament scoring record set by Mark Calcavecchia in 2001, and joined Calcavecchia, Arnold Palmer and Gene Littler as the only three-time winners. With six victories in Arizona, Mickelson also matched Johnny Miller's tour record.

After three nearly cloudless days in the Valley of the Sun, the final round was played in overcast conditions. Light rain even fell for a few minutes as Mickelson finished warming up on the practice green and played the first hole.

As the rain stopped, Mickelson bogeyed the par-4 second. He rebounded with birdies on the two front-nine par 3s, pulling off

the sensational putt on No. 7.

Snedeker pulled within three strokes with a birdie on the par-4 ninth, but Mickelson pushed the advantage back to four with a two-putt birdie on the par-5 13th, his fourth straight birdie on the hole. Snedeker saved par after his drive stopped under jumping cholla, forcing him to take a drop for an unplayable lie.

Mickelson matched Snedeker on the next two holes, saving par on the par-4 14th with a 10-foot putt and two-putting for birdie on the par-5 15th. Snedeker pulled within three again on the par-3 16th, hitting to 5 feet on the stadium hole, and matched Mickelson's birdie on 17.

Snedeker was coming off a second-place tie Monday at Torrey Pines, four strokes behind Tiger Woods in the fog-delayed event.

"I'm running into Hall of Famers every week," Snedeker said.

Scott Piercy shot a 61 to finish third at 23 under.

"These greens were amazing," Piercy said. "If you got it online, rolling, you made it."

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Everything changed after that, though, and the 49ers staged a sensational rally before Ray Lewis and Co. shut it down. But there were plenty of white-knuckle moments and the Ravens (14-6) had to make four stops inside their 7 at the end.

For a Super Bowl with so many subplots, it almost had to end this way.

Flacco's arrival as a championship quarterback coincides with Lewis' retirement—with a second Super Bowl ring no less. The win capped a sensational month since the star linebacker announced he was leaving the game after 17 Hall of Fame-caliber years.

The sibling rivalry between the coaching Harbaughs went to John, older than Jim by 15 months.

"How could it be any other way? It's never pretty. It's never perfect. But it's us," John Harbaugh said. "It was us today."

At 4 hours, 14 minutes, it was the longest Super Bowl ever. Among the most thrilling, too.

The loss of power delayed the game 34 minutes and left players from both sides stretching and chatting with each other. It also cost Baltimore whatever momentum it built, and that was considerable after Jacoby Jones' 108-yard kickoff return and Flacco's three touchdown passes made it 28-6.

Flacco's big start boosted him to the MVP award.

"They have to give it to one guy and I'm not going to complain that I got it," said Flacco, who soon will get a rich new contract. His current deal expired with this win.

Down by three TDs, back came San Francisco (13-5-1)

in search of its sixth Lombardi Trophy in as many tries.

Michael Crabtree's 31-yard touchdown reception on which he broke two tackles made it 28-13. A couple minutes later, Frank Gore's 6-yard run followed a 32-yard punt return by Ted Ginn Jr., and the 49ers were within eight.

Ray Rice's fumble at his 24 led to David Akers' 34-yard field goal, but Baltimore woke up for a long drive leading to rookie Justin Tucker's 19-yard field goal.

San Francisco wasn't done challenging, though, and Colin Kaepernick's 15-yard TD run, the longest for a quarterback in a Super Bowl, made it 31-29. A 2-point conversion pass failed when the Ravens blitzed.

Tucker added a 38-yarder with 4:19 remaining, setting up the frantic finish.

Kaepernick couldn't get the 49ers into the end zone on the final three plays—there was contact on Crabtree on the final pass that appeared incidental, and Jim Harbaugh insisted it was holding.

Ravens punter Sam Koch took a safety for the final score with 4 seconds left. His free kick was returned by Ginn to midfield as time ran out.

The Harbaughs then met at midfield amid the Ravens' confetti-laden celebrations.

"It's very tough," John Harbaugh said of their conversation. "It's a lot tougher than I thought it was going to be. It's very painful."

In the first half, Flacco was as brilliant as Tom Brady, Joe Montana or Terry Bradshaw ever were in the NFL's biggest game. The only quarterback to win a playoff game in each of his first five seasons—his coach holds the same distinction—was nearly perfect. Overall, Flacco

threw for 11 touchdowns to tie a postseason record, and had no interceptions.

The Ravens stumbled into the playoffs with four defeats in its last five regular-season games as Lewis recovered from a torn right triceps and Flacco struggled. Harbaugh even fired his offensive coordinator in December, a stunning move with the postseason so close.

But that—and every other move Harbaugh, Flacco and the Ravens made since—were right on target. Just like Flacco's TD passes of 13 yards to Anquan Boldin, 1 to Dennis Pitta and 56 to Jones in the first half, tying a Super Bowl record.

New Orleans native Jones, one of the heroes in a double-overtime playoff win at Denver, seemed to put the game away with his record 108-yard sprint with the second-half kickoff.

Soon after, the lights went out—and when they came back on, the Ravens were almost powerless to slow the 49ers.

Until the final moments. "The final series of Ray Lewis' career was a goal-line stand," Harbaugh said.

Lewis sprawled on all fours, face-down on the turf, after the end zone incomplection.

"It's no greater way, as a champ, to go out on your last ride with the men that I went out with, with my teammates," Lewis said. "And you looked around this stadium and Baltimore! Baltimore! We coming home, baby! We did it!"

It was a bitter loss for Jim Harbaugh, the coach who turned around the Niners in the last two years and brought them to their first Super Bowl in 18 years. His team made a similarly stunning comeback in the NFC championship at Atlanta, but couldn't finish it off against Baltimore.

"Our guys battled back to get back in," said the 49ers coach, who was especially upset about the non-call on the pass to Crabtree.

The 49ers couldn't have been sloppier in the first half, damaging their chances with penalties—including one on their first play that negated a 20-yard gain—poor tackling and turnovers. Rookie LaMichael James fumbled at the Baltimore 25 to ruin an impressive drive, and the Ravens converted that with Flacco's 1-yard pass to Pitta for a 14-3 lead.

On San Francisco's next offensive play, Kaepernick threw behind Randy Moss and always dependable safety Ed Reed picked it off. A huge scuffle followed that brought both Harbaughs onto the field and saw both sides penalized 15 yards for unnecessary roughness.

Reed, also a New Orleans native, tied the NFL record for postseason picks with his ninth.

Baltimore didn't pounce on that mistake for points. Instead, Tucker's fake field goal run on fourth-and-9 came up a yard short when Chris Culliver slammed him out of bounds.

The Ravens simply shrugged, forced a three-and-out, and then unleashed Jones deep. Just as he did to Denver, he flashed past the secondary and caught Flacco's fling. He had to wait for the ball, fell to the ground to grab it, but was untouched by a Niner. Up he sprang, cutting left and using his speed to outrun two defenders to the end zone.

Desperate for some points, the 49ers completed four passes and got a 15-yard roughing penalty against Haloti Ngata, who later left with a knee injury. But again they couldn't cross the goal line, Paul Kruger got his second sack of the half on third

down, forcing a second Akers field goal, from 27 yards.

When Jones began the second half by sprinting up the middle virtually untouched—he is the second player with two TDs of 50 yards or more in a Super Bowl, tying Washington's Ricky Sanders in 1988—the rout was on.

Then it wasn't.

The Ravens' thrilling victory provided a grand finale for the Big Easy, which hosted its first Super Bowl since 2002 and first since Hurricane Katrina ravaged the city. But it's been a tough year for local fans. A bounties scandal and resultant suspensions helped ruin the

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whether he belongs in the conversation about the league's best quarterbacks, becoming only the sixth in 47 Super Bowls to throw for three scores in a first half. He connected with Anquan Boldin for 13 yards, Dennis Pitta for 1, and Jacoby Jones for 56.

"Now they're gonna have to talk about Joe Flacco," center Matt Birk said. "Joe's a stud. He showed it tonight."

Not just Sunday, actually.

The admittedly mild-mannered guy, who played his college football far from the spotlight at Delaware, wrapped up Baltimore's four-game run to the title with a record-equaling 11 TD passes and zero interceptions, going 73 of 126 for 1,140 yards. It was an impressive streak that included road victories against two of the game's most respected QBs, Peyton Manning and Tom Brady, and a first-round home win against No. 1 overall draft pick Andrew Luck.

"I'm a Joe Flacco fan. I've been a Joe Flacco fan," said Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, who ended his 17-year career with a second championship. "To do what he did today, that's what we always see."

Flacco's job in the second half Sunday was more about being safe than spectacular. He had helped Baltimore take a 21-6 halftime lead, and it grew to 28-6 when Jones returned the second-half kickoff a Super Bowl-record 108 yards.

That is when things got strange.

First, the lights inside the Superdome cut out, delaying action for more than a half-

Saints' season almost before it began, making Commissioner Roger Goodell the city's Public Enemy No. 1.

The season also was marred by a lockout of the on-field officials that turned farcical when replacement refs couldn't handle the job.

Even Super Bowl week was disrupted by reports that deer-antler spray, of all things, might have been used by NFL players as a performance enhancer.

And then the NFL's showcase event was stopped cold by a lack of power.

Flacco, though, provided plenty of sizzle.

hour. And when play resumed, San Francisco quickly scored 17 consecutive points to make things interesting.

The Ravens held on down the stretch though, with two short field goals by rookie Justin Tucker padding the lead, and the Lewis-led defense stopping the 49ers on a fourth-and-goal at the 5.

"I was sitting there thinking, 'There's no way. There's no way we stop them here,'" Flacco said. "But we did."

Neither Flacco nor his team appeared to be ready to take on all comers as the regular season concluded.

After all, the Ravens lost four of their final games to stumble into the playoffs. And Flacco, a fifth-year pro, finished only 12th in the 32-team NFL in passer rating at a merely passable 87.7—way behind league leader Aaron Rodgers' 108.0—while compiling 22 touchdown passes and 10 interceptions.

Middle-of-the-pack, to say the least.

But he and his team definitely did shine when the results mattered most.

"I tell you what: We don't make it easy," Flacco said. "But that's the way the city of Baltimore is. That's the way we are."

He simply becomes a different player in the playoffs. He set an NFL record for quarterbacks by leading his team to playoff wins in each of his first five seasons. He is 9-4 overall in the postseason.

His contract is up now. And he could wind up with one of the biggest deals in NFL history, perhaps commanding somewhere in the neighborhood of \$20 million a year.

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prepare them for a 34-minute power outage that turned what was becoming a Ravens blow-out into a thrilling game that could have lit up the Superdome just by the sheer energy of everyone involved.

Conspiracy theorists can rest easy, even if the Ravens couldn't rest until Ted Ginn Jr. was tackled on the final desperation play of the game. The investigation is ongoing, but the guess is there will be no evidence that panicked San Francisco fans somehow found their way into the bowels of the dome and flipped the lights off with their team trailing 28-6 in a third quarter unlike any in Super Bowl history.

The team that should have won did, mostly because the Ravens played with only a few mistakes while the 49ers kept making a ton of them.

"How could it be any other way?" Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "We talk to our guys all the time: It's never pretty, it's never perfect, but it is us, and that was us today."

Just a few weeks ago the Ravens were dead in the water, the seconds running out when a miracle play helped them beat Denver. They went on to become

the first team to win two straight playoff games as an underdog on the road, then followed it with a win as underdogs in the biggest game they'll ever play.

That Ray Lewis went out as a champion seemed merely a side note, even if he was on the field for the last goal line stand that sealed the 34-31 win. Lewis was such a non-factor in this game that, if he did spend money for deer antler spray, he should ask for it back.

"Baltimore!!!" Lewis screamed as the confetti fell inside the now very bright Superdome, and for once he made some sense. This was a working man's win for a working class city, and most of the credit for that can go to a quarterback who always seemed overlooked when the conversation turned to the NFL's elite.

Joe Flacco will get that recognition now as well as the big contract that comes along with it. He deserves it after throwing for three touchdowns, winning the MVP and going in the record books alongside Kurt Warner and Joe Montana as the only quarterbacks with 11 touchdown passes in one postseason.

But this was always going to be more about the brothers who faced off on opposing sidelines than anything else. They spent two weeks trying to prepare to

beat their sibling, something neither of them really wanted. But it was the only way for either to win his first Super Bowl, even if the postgame handshake was always going to be painfully awkward no matter which brother won.

"Congratulations," Jim said, patting his brother on the cheek.

"I love you," John said.

They are both very different even if they are both very much the same. Jim coached this game with an intense scowl, while John was so relaxed that he draped an arm around his daughter on the sidelines before the game in a touching moment while the Newtown children's choir sang "America the Beautiful."

John was simply a better coach on this night than the brother who was born 15 months after him. His game plan helped the Ravens jump to an early lead, and his team managed to hold just enough when it seemed the 49ers would steamroll them after scoring 17 points in just over 4 minutes in the longest quarter of the longest Super Bowl game ever.

The 49ers, meanwhile, squandered two timeouts that would cost them, including one when they were inside the 10-yard line with less than 2 minutes left and on the verge of taking the lead for the first time in the

game. And with first-and-goal at the 7, Harbaugh didn't call one read-option for Colin Kaepernick and never gave bruising back Frank Gore the ball.

"We had other plays called," was Harbaugh's only explanation.

The 49ers coach was still put out after the game, upset that there wasn't even one penalty, much less two, called on the team's final offensive play. Jim Harbaugh claimed receiver Michael Crabtree was both held and interfered with, but with the game on the line he wasn't going to get either call even if he was right.

The brothers who once battled each other over who would cut the grass at their coaching father's house both battled as hard as they could to win the game that meant the most. In the end, big brother triumphed, but it came at a price.

John Harbaugh had joked during the week that whoever lost would always have a chance to regain bragging rights on the golf course. But both knew one would be bitterly disappointed, and the other would be feeling some of his brother's pain.

"It's a lot tougher than I thought it was going to be," John said. "It's very painful."

Not nearly as painful, though, as it was for his little brother.

RAY

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confetti after the Ravens beat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31 on Sunday to win the NFL title.

"It's simple: When God is for you, who can be against you?" Lewis said, clutching the Lombardi Trophy. "It's no greater way, as a champ, to go out on your last ride with the men that I went out with, with my teammates. And you looked around this stadium and ... Baltimore! Baltimore! We coming home, baby! We did it!"

Standing tall in the middle of a defense that survived a frenzied comeback by Colin Kaepernick and the 49ers, Lewis put a lovely bow on his 17th NFL season by earning his second Super Bowl

ring—12 years after the first.

When Lewis first led Baltimore to Super Bowl glory, he was a 25-year-old at the height of his game. A terror in the middle of the best defense in the league, Lewis was voted MVP after the Ravens earned their first championship.

On Sunday, Lewis and his defense played a supporting role to quarterback Joe Flacco and the offense.

The 37-year-old Lewis had only two solo tackles through the first three quarters and sometimes struggled to cover receivers venturing into his area. Wide receiver Michael Crabtree caught a 19-yarder on San Francisco's second series, and tight end Vernon Davis eluded Lewis twice before making second-quarter catches.

Capalad, Sun Palace, Angie's Boys advance in playoffs

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Team Capalad, Sun Palace, and Angie's Boys all survived Blue Haus' 3rd Invitational Basketball League lower bracket playoff matches held last week at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Team Capalad ousted Ol'Aces, 86-77, last Thursday, while on Saturday, Sun Palace bumped off JWS, 93-90. Angie's Boys, meanwhile, leisurely advanced past Servitek/8th Division, 81-69, in the late feature.

The elimination matches continue tonight at the Garapan venue starting at 6:30pm and 8pm.

Ol'Aces roared out of the gate to a solid 29-15 lead in the opening 10 minutes headed by Raymond Kenner and Jesus Iguel who combined for three treys and 17 points.

Capalad's Donovan Brennan and Raymark Castro teamed up for 11 in the second quarter that was complemented by a pair of three-balls by Melvin Capalad as the team chipped away at the lead, 36-43, at intermission.

Iguel pulled on a late 8-point string to keep Ol'Aces at the helm midway way through the

game. However, Team Capalad exploded in the third quarter and erected a stout 67-57 lead heading into the final 10 minutes of regulation.

Leo Galarse sank two strikes from behind the arc for 10 points in the charge and received ample support from a handful of others.

Ol'Aces ran out of gas in the last canto as Capalad cruised to what turned out to be an easy victory, despite the slow start.

Galarse turned in a team-high 21 points, though Ol'Aces' Iguel one upped his total in the end.

In Saturday's opener, Sun Palace's Rocyl Ritual splashed three shots from downtown to help give his team an early 21-18 edge. He remained in charge with for 7 more points in the second quarter as Sun Palace trotted further in front, 40-35, at the half, but JWS regrouped during the break and made it a one-point game, 63-64, in the third quarter.

Jimmy Brel tallied 20 points in the surge for JWS to cancel out Ritual's contributions in the period.

In the end, however, Ritual sunk two more threes for 15 huge points in the clutch to help secure the win.

He dropped a game high 41 markers, while JWS' White Capalad managed 25 on the short end.

In the second game, Angie's Boys established an 18-14 lead in the first quarter and maintained control at mid point, 37-32.

Eugene Manglona paced the team with 6 points at the start and teammate Angelo Fernando picked up where he left off in the second with a 10-point chunk.

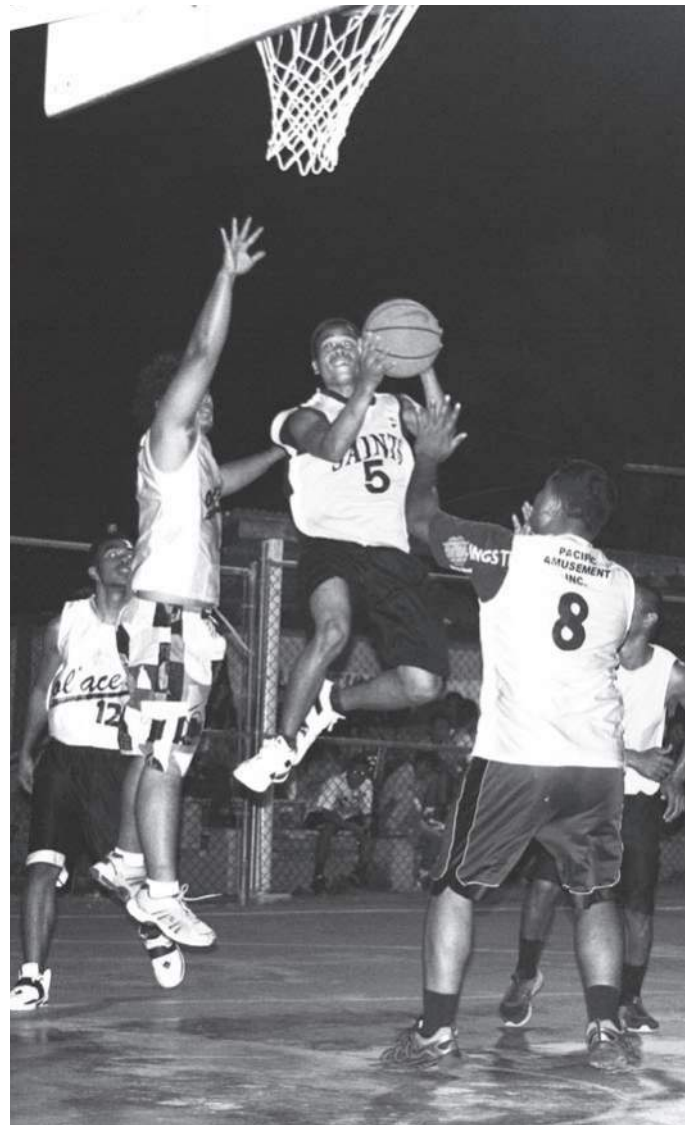
Ray Lizama carried Servitek through the first half with 15 points and added another 10 checks, which led a third quarter surge that gave the group a brief 55-52 lead heading into the closing period.

Angie's Boys strategically left gas in the tank for one last push in the fourth quarter and ran off with the win in convincing fashion. Manglona helped ice it with a baker's dozen in the clutch.

He finished with a team-high 24 points, while Servitek's Lizama led the field with 30.

THURSDAY

Team Capalad 86 – Galarse 21, Muleta 16, Brennan 14, Castro 14, Capalad 13, Del Rosario 2, Diyco 2, Pantaleon 2, Tagle 2.



Ol'Aces 77 – Iguel 22, Kenner 13, Camacho 12, Teregeyo 11, J. Rangamar 8, E. Rangamar 7, Fidelino 2, Wabol 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-29, 36-43, 67-57, 86-77.

SATURDAY First Game

Sun Palace 93 – Ritual 41, Alipio 13, Reyes 11, Banzagale 8, Umali 6, Guiang 6, Avila 5, Anasan 1, Culala 1.

JWS 90 – Capalad 25, Brel 21, Mina 18, Bisana 12, Esteves 11, Alejandro 2, Barrozo 1.

Scoring by quarters: 21-18, 40-35, 64-63, 93-90.

Game 2

Angie's Boys 81 – Manglona 24, Fernando 18, Dela Cruz 12, Maranan 10, Francisco 7, Yap 6, Lee 2, Manalili 2.

Servitek 69 – Lizama 30, Mateo 13, Tobias 7, Gabaldon 7, Bambao 5, Cebo 4, Ri. Alvarez 2, Ro. Alvarez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-14, 37-32, 52-55, 81-69.

Team Capalad's Leo Galarse gets off a crafty circus shot through the lane against Ol'Aces during their Blue Haus caging playoff match Thursday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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Marianas High School Lady Yellow Dolphins' Rita Doca slaps over a spike against Saipan International School's Lady White Geckos during their Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization girls volleyball matchup Thursday at the MHS Gymnasium.

Lady Blue Dolphins spoil Lady Eagles' perfect run

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Marianas High School's Lady Blue Dolphins rallied past Grace Christian Academy's Lady Eagles, 25-23 and 15-13, after dropping a tight opening set, 23-25, and served its top-ranked rivals its first taste of defeat in the ongoing Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization 2013 girls volleyball season last Thursday at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Lady Eagles retained possession of first place in the standings with a stout win-loss record of 9-1, while MHS Blue (8-2) gained a game on

the lead heading into today's ninth of 12 rounds.

In other results, Saipan International School's Lady White Geckos (7-4) picked up a couple of victories to strengthen its position in fourth place right behind Lady Green Geckos (7-2) who were on a bye.

SIS White made it past Mount Carmel School's Lady Knights (4-5) in three sets, 25-23, 15-25, and 15-12; and then defeated MHS' Lady Yellow Dolphins (3-7) in two sets, 25-16, and, 25-12, to cap its seventh win in 11 tries.

Marianas Baptist Academy's Lady Stormz also bumped up to a 5-6 card with triumphs over skidding MCS and Kagman High School's Lady Ayuyus (2-8).

The Lady Stormz blew through KHS, 25-7, and, 25-19, and pulled out a rebound victory over MCS, 25-21, 15-25, and 15-11.

KHS did manage to salvage a victory, however, over Saipan Southern High's Lady Manta Rays (0-9) in a close back-and-forth match, 25-19, 19-25, and, 15-10.

Today's matchups start off with MHS Blue versus SIS Green on the north court and GCA against MHS Yellow on the south end at 4pm, followed at 5pm by SIS White taking on SSHS on the north net and MCS versus KHS on the south court.

The final pairings of the day feature MHS Blue against MBA on the north square and SIS White challenging KHS on the south side at 6pm.

Olopai wins RGA season opener

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Top qualifier Tars Olopai held off a final round charge by Joe Saures to claim the Refaluwasch Golf Association's 2013 season opening January Ace of the Month title last Jan. 26 at Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

Olopai's low net score of 64 from the qualifier proved true against Saures' net final round low net of 67.

The latter posted a 38 on the front nine and finished the back with a 43 for a gross tally of 81 that was trimmed down to a 67. However, Olopai's one-over par 73 raw card (39/34) from the Jan. 12 qualifier issued him a 64 net score that secured a berth into the season-ending Ace of Aces finale tournament in December 2013.

Though he finished second in the end, Saures ruled the final round over "Ron" Yong Su Choi, new member John Salas, and 10 others.

Choi recorded a 41 on the front with a 40 on the back side for a gross total of 81 that factored into an even 70 net score, while Salas (49/45, 94 gross) matched his net result, but settled for third place due to the club's handicap tiebreaker rule.



Choi also came away as the closest to the pin winner in hole No. 7, while L.J. Camacho earned the nod in hole No. 14.

Other participants of the January ace tourney, with their net scores in parenthesis, were as follows: John Rebuen (71); Tom Tebuteb (71); 2012 season champion Harry Nakamura (71); Ki Soo Kim (74); Manny Mangarero (75); Ray Tigilau (76); Diwain Stephen (76), L.J. Camacho; (77) and Sam Kim (80).

RGA would like to extend its appreciation to Ed Tenorio, Jess Wabol, Tom Tebuteb, Joe Saures, Tars Olopai, Manny Mangarero, Ki Soo Kim, Diwain Stephens, and Jordon Kosam for hosting the event.

The group also wants to offer a warm welcome to new members Sam Kim, John Rebuenog, and John Salas.

The group's February ace of the month tournament is scheduled for Feb. 10 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort's west course. Check-in time is set for 11am followed by a noon tee off.

For more information, contact RGA's Joe Saures at 483-5506, email cnmriga@gmail.com, or visit their Facebook page.

Saipan Marathon registration deadline on Feb. 8



Registration for the 8th Saipan Marathon on March 2, 2013, has been extended an extra day to 5pm on Feb. 8, 2013. Organizations interested in volunteering for aid stations and other assignments are also being sought.

Registration for the 50-kilometer and marathon is \$65 for U.S. and CNMI participants (proof of residency required). The cost is \$55 for half marathon and 10K participants.

According to the Marianas

Visitors Authority, nearly 500 international runners have already registered for the event. The event will include a full marathon of 26.2 miles (42.195K), a half marathon of 13.1 miles (20.96K), a 10K run (6.2 miles), and an ultra-50K (31.06 miles).

"We're working to make the 8th Saipan Marathon the best, yet, and we're in need of more volunteers to help accomplish that," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "Organizations, junior high or high school clubs, or even families interested in making tourism their business can call our office about

volunteering on event day."

Registration forms are available on the events calendar at www.mymarianas.com under the event date or at the MVA office on Beach Rd., San Jose. Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers T-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

The start will take place at the American Memorial Park at 4:30am for the 50K and the Marathon at 5:45am for the half marathon, and at 6am for the 10K.

For more information, contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at 664-3200/1 or through email at ediaz@mymarianas.com. (MVA)

Saipan celebrates Super Bowl Monday

By SAIPAN TRIBUNE Staff



A date was set, a meeting was arranged, and leaves of absence were filed.

All these were planned ahead of time so Saipan football fans could tune-in to NFL's biggest event of the season—the Super Bowl.

Tony Kapileo was with his wife Aida at Naked Fish, as they took time out from work to have a lunch date and watch the exciting game between the Baltimore Ravens and San Francisco 49ers.

“We wanted to have quality time together and one of the best ways to do it is watch the Super Bowl together and root for our favorite team,” said Tony, who pointed out to the color (purple) of his wife's blouse when asked which squad did they put their money on.

Seated next to the Kapileo couple was Carl Hocog, president of a local golf club, who decided to gather members and officials of their group on Super Bowl Monday to discuss a fundraising event.

“It's had to get members who have different work schedule. But today, I know majority of our members will be out there in various bars and restaurants to watch Super Bowl, so I decided to bring them in one venue so we can talk about our fundraiser and at the same time watch the game together,” Hocog said.

“We accomplished two things in one day. We get to enjoy watching our favorite teams and have a friendly competition,” added Hocog, a 49ers fan.

Carlos Rivera had no meeting to attend or work to go, as he reserved the day for the Super Bowl.

“I took a leave and filed it way ahead of the Super Bowl. Today was all about football and friends,” said Rivera, who rooted for the Ravens and went home victorious.

Peter Sablan and his 49ers lost,



Fans react to Baltimore Ravens touchdown return at the start of the third quarter of Super Bowl XLVII at Pacific Islands Club's Gridiron Monday Party at Charley's Cabaret.



Spectators are glued to the TV set at the Naked Fish Bar & Grill, watching the San Francisco 49ers and Baltimore Ravens play in Super Bowl XLVII.



Godfather's staff poses for a photo during the halftime show in Super Bowl XLVII, while spectators wait for the resumption of the action yesterday.

but still enjoyed watching the thrilling game with his friends.

“I've been watching Super Bowl for the past five years, but this one is a bit special because of three factors. For one, there is Ray Lewis, who is retiring and would want to go out with a bang. Then, there is a new breed of quarterback in Colin Kaepernick. Lastly, this year's Super

Bowl has two brothers on the opposing sides, trying to lead their respective teams to the championship,” Sablan said.

While most of the Saipan fans looked for matchups and other plots in the San Francisco-Baltimore duel, Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman waited for the halftime show.

seconds to orchestrate a play. However, Morales, instead of going strong to the basket, opted to kick the ball out to Joseph Aguilar and the pass was too strong, slipping from the latter's hands as time expired.

The game remained close in overtime with Susupe having its last taste of the lead at the 84-83 tally off J.R. Cadag's split charities with 12 seconds left on the clock. Another Maplas careless pass brought possession back to Susupe and later sent Chris Lansang to the foul line. Lansang went on to muffle the two crucial free throws and when Maplas collared the rebound, Gerald Anicete fed Morales for a fastbreak layup.

setbacks on the same night.

Maplas fell to Gualo Rai in the first game last Saturday, 65-66, and then played the last 10 minutes of its rained-out match against Susupe after the loss. Susupe was ahead at the end of the third quarter of their Friday game, 57-72, and had a chance to win it in regulation if not for Roy Miguel's butterfingers.

Miguel was hanging around in the paint and received Jomer Diyco's crosscourt pass. However, the former fumbled on his way to the basket and lost the ball to the baseline, as Maplas defenders clamped down on him.

Maplas also had an opportunity to pull off the win in regulation, as it was left with four



Fans react to a touchdown by the Baltimore Ravens in the second quarter of Super Bowl XLVII at a party held at Kanoa Resort's Nami Bar yesterday morning.



Fans cheer during a critical play early in the second quarter of Super Bowl XLVII at Saipan World Resort's Red Box Bar & Cocktail Lounge.

“Sometimes the halftime show is better than the game itself,” said Bateman, who filed a leave of absence from work to watch Super Bowl at Godfather's. I like the burritos, too, and enjoy the festive mood here.”

Around 60 mixed Ravens and 49ers fans packed Godfather's and according to co-owner Scott Dotino, the number was lower

compared to last year. Naked Fish had the same experience, as between 30 and 50 showed up at the Beach Road watering hole.

A Naked Fish staff said before they used to have around 100 and they initially thought of not hosting Super Bowl this year, but had a change of heart, as they wanted to treat their loyal customers. Dotino also said treating Saipan

residents to Super Bowl action and good food is their way of showing customer appreciation.

Meanwhile, a lively mob of about 50 people were packed inside Saipan World Resort's Red Box Bar & Cocktail Lounge where fans enjoyed bottomless rounds of Heineken and other drink specials.

Half of the onlookers cheered for the West Coast San Francisco 49ers, while the latter share enjoyed the Baltimore Ravens' early first half surge in the sports bar's blacked out bar room that had the big game featured on a giant projector screen.

There was a small gathering of about 20 spectators over at Kanoa Resort's Nami Bar who enjoyed a breakfast buffet and some comfy seating with multiple high-definition television sets in all corners of the room.

Like the Red Box crowd, the fans in attendance were also split down the middle.

Meanwhile, the big party was taking place even further down south as easily over 150-strong turned out for Pacific Islands Club's Monday Gridiron Party where a multitude of cash and other prizes were given away.

PIC also had the game featured on a big projector screen in addition to other television sets strategically positioned around the main stage and back room.

There were some 49ers fans sitting front and center, however the Ravens supporters were making the brunt of the noise up to when the untimely power outage caused a lengthy pause in the action.

In the end, the Ravens' 34-31 victory was tough to accept for 49er fans not only at PIC but to the predominantly West Coast-leaning football enthusiasts of the island as well. However, who knows whether or not its offensive linemen was committing some holding at the same time.

Several other bars and restaurants decided not to host Super Bowl due to lack of enough time in planning and economic reasons.

Maplas survives Susupe in OT

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Maplas La Mane needed five extra minutes to thwart Susupe, 86-84, in a make-up game in Division B of the 2013 DLX/Anchor Strong Invitational Basketball League last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Dennis Morales committed an errant pass in the closing seconds of the regulation, but made up for his booboo, scoring the last 3 points of Maplas in overtime to hand his team its first win and avoid back-to-back

Morales made the shot, plus a foul to put Maplas on top, 85-84, 7.5 seconds remaining in the extended game.

Morales missed the bonus shot, but Anicete was there for another important rebound and was also fouled. The Maplas forward split his charities to up Maplas's lead to a deuce, 86-84.

Susupe was left with 3.4 seconds to make a shot, but failed to do so as it set up too far away from the basket. Lansang in-bounded the ball from the sideline at mid-court and his pass to Cadag was deflected by Mico Usi. In the game reset, Lansang managed to give the ball to Diyco, but the former had his back turned to their frontcourt and was more than 30 feet away from the basket

Chinatown 77, Susupe 63

In the nightcap, Chinatown cruised to victory and handed Susupe back-to-back losses.

The tired Susupe crew managed to keep up with Chinatown only in the first quarter with the latter ahead by only 2 points, 20-18.

By the end of the second canto, Chinatown was enjoying a twin-digit advantage, 39-29, behind the 6 points apiece of Paul Quizon and Justin Zapanta. Jerome Norita then joined the attack in the third period to stretch the lead to 14, 59-44, and the trio continued to pile up points in the fourth for Chinatown's third straight win in four games.

Zapanta top-scored for Chinatown with his 26 markers, while Quizon and Norita chipped in 20 and 14, respec-

tively. J.R. Mina paced Susupe with his 12 markers.

MAKE-UP

Maplas La Mane 86 – Morales 18, Cortez 17, Anicete 16, Odicta 8, Aguilar 6, Claveria 4, R. Usi 3, M. Usi 2.

Susupe 84 – Diyco 19, Cadag 18, Mina 12, Lansang 11, Sevilla 6, Banatasa 5, Buniag 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-19, 37-36, 52-57, 70-70, 86-84.

SATURDAY

Chinatown 77 – Zapanta 26, Quizon 20, Norita 14, Avila 8, Kimo 6, Aloka 2.

Susupe 63 – Mina 12, Miguel 11, Cadag 11, Banatasa 9, Diyco 6, Buniag 4, De Belen 2, Llagas 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-18, 39-29, 59-45, 77-63.

Ravens beat 49ers in Super Bowl

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — From blowout to blackout to shootout, Joe Flacco and the Baltimore Ravens had just enough power to survive one of the most electric Super Bowls ever.

The outage flipped the momentum to the San Francisco 49ers, but the Ravens used a last-gasp defensive stand to hold on Sunday night, 34-31.

America's biggest sporting event came to a half-hour standstill in the third quarter when most of the Superdome lights and the scoreboards went dark. By then, the Ravens had a 22-point lead.



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Baltimore Ravens owner Stephen J. Bisciotti holds up the Vince Lombardi Trophy as he is joined by head coach John Harbaugh after the team's 34-31 win against the San Francisco 49ers in the NFL Super Bowl XLVII football game, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, in New Orleans.



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Not Super, but
one Harbaugh
good enough

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — It ended another lifetime after it began, with the Baltimore Ravens gladly surrendering two points that meant nothing except to some lucky bettors in Vegas. One brother patted the other on the cheek and, just like that, the strangest Super Bowl you will ever see was finally over.

If football is a game of momentum, the San Francisco 49ers probably deserved a better fate. It took a blackout to get them going, only to have some pedestrian play calling with the game on the line finally finish them off.

This wasn't two coaching geniuses at their best, not even close. Their father, Jack, surely saw that from the stands, where he and his wife, Jackie, spent more than four hours trying their hardest not to root either way as their sons went up against each other on the biggest stage in football.

One, though, was better than the other, and in the end that was why the Ravens were holding the Lombardi trophy aloft in celebration while the 49ers filed quietly off the field.

Advantage, John.

Not that either coaching Harbaugh could be totally at fault in a game that went a whopping 4 hours and 14 minutes. Watch all the film you want, do all the planning you can, but nothing could

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Joe Flacco wins Super Bowl MVP award

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Quarterback Joe Flacco put off contract talks with the Baltimore Ravens until after the season was done.

Seems like a terrific decision now, huh?

Capping a perfect postseason, the unassuming and unheralded Flacco completed 22 of 33 passes for 287 yards and three first-half touchdowns Sunday, earning Super Bowl MVP honors for leading the Ravens to a 34-31 victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

It was a back-and-forth game oddly interrupted more than a half-hour by a power outage.

"We gave the country a pretty good game to watch," Flacco said.

Sure did his part, especially at the outset.

Flacco set aside any questions about just how good he is and

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Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis celebrates after defeating the San Francisco 49ers 34-31 in the NFL Super Bowl XLVII football game, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, in New Orleans.

Ray Lewis ends brilliant career with championship

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis will ride into retirement as a Super Bowl champion.

Lewis began his final night on the football field with a motivational speech to his teammates. He ended it looking upward into a shower of silver streamers and purple

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Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco holds up the Vince Lombardi Trophy after their 34-31 win against the San Francisco 49ers in the NFL Super Bowl XLVII football game, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, in New Orleans.